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DECEMBER

18 X'mas Sale of Work, Russ. Women's League, 10-6
18 Municipal Orchestra Symphony Concert, Lyceum, 5.15
18 Cathedral Carol Service, 6
18 'The Mascot,' L. Opera, Lyc., 8.45
*18 Name day of Tzar Nicholas II*
*18 ss. Tungchow pirated (1925)*

## *Coming Events*

DECEMBER

19 Y.W.C.A. Inter. Br. Christmas Tea
20 Second Advent Meeting, The Hut, 495 Yu Yuen Road, Dr. R. H. Glover, 8
20 For. Y. Lecture: 'Diet and Health,' 9
21 Cathedral Carol Service, 5.45
21 French A.D.C., 'Ruy Blas 33,' Lyc., 9
21 19th Annual Hanuccah Ball, 9.30
22 Cathedral School for Boys, Speech Day, Masonic Hall at 5.30
22 Rotary Club, Metropole Hotel, 12.30
22 For. Y. Debate: 'Lotteries are a Social Menace,' 9
23 Shai. Dialect Club, Foreign Y, 6
23 For. Y. 'Hour of Music,' 6
23 Gaul's Oratorio 'Holy City,' 250 voices. Conductor: Prof. Chao Mei-pa. Community Church, 8
23 A.D.C. Club Evening, Lyceum, 9.15
24 Gaul's Oratorio 'Holy City,' 250 voices, Community Church, 3
26 Charity Soccer Match, Canidrome, Kick-off 2.45
27 For. Y. Lecture: 'Nutritional Values,' 9
28 Theosophical Society, 75 Jessfield Rd., Public Lecture, 6
29 Rotary Club, Metropole Hotel, 12.30
29 Rummage Sale, U.C. Hall, Limbless Fund
29 Royal Asiatic Society Meeting
29 7th Rover Ball, Masonic Hall, 9
29 For. Y. Debate: 'Pacifism and Warmakers,' 9
30 Shai. Dialect Club, Foreign Y, 6

JANUARY, 1939

5 Rotary Club, Metropole Hotel, 12.30
5 For. Y. Debate: 'Naughty and Interesting vs. Good but Dull,' 9
8 A.T.A. 'Libel' at S.J.S. in aid of Austrian and German refugees, 8.30
9 I.E.E. (China Centre) General Meeting, Park Hotel, 5.15
12 Le Ballet Russe, Grand Premiere of Tschaikowsky's ballet: 'Le Lac des Cygnes' (The Swan Lake), Lyceum Theatre, 9
12 For. Y. Debate: 'Missionaries—Harm vs. Good,' 9
13 Shanghai Camera Club. Meeting and Lecture, 330 Szechuen Road, 9
14 Ballet Russe, 'Lac des Cygnes,' Lyc., 9
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A correspondent, residing in Kian, Kiangsi, in a recent letter told of the director of a coal mine in his district who drove his car 200 li for the latest copy of a Shanghai paper. The paper was **The China Weekly Review**, and a very late one at that for it takes a long time for Shanghai papers to reach subscribers in the interior these days!

This week's issue would also be worth a similar trip for it contains information to be found in no other journal. For example:

"Munitions Begin to Flow into China over New Burma-Yunnan Highway," by J. Liu, correspondent at Rangoon, Burma.
"Japanese Capital Hesitates to Follow the Army," by John Ahlers, well-known German writer of Shanghai.
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## Christmas Spirit:

### The Need for Charity

To the Editor of the
"North-China Daily News"

Sir,—With the approach of 1939, I would like to urge upon your readers a paramount resolution, to wit: Charity.

Faith moves mountains and hope springs eternal in the human breast but, alas, Charity has not inspired any poet.

The deserving case of the rickshawmen has been forgotten with the discontinuance of your popular Christmas fund, beggars abound in our midst, poverty is rampant in Shanghai.

Let us rid ourselves of the usual callousness, for whosoever give unto the poor gives unto the Lord.

J. C. B.

Shanghai, Dec. 16.

## Shanghai Slandered:

### A Reader's Confirmation

To the Editor of the
"North-China Daily News"

Sir,—With reference to your leaderette "Shanghai Slandered" and the sentiments expressed therein, which I am sure will be confirmed in the minds of all your readers whose brains have not turned into "maggots bred in putrid wounds," it leads one to wonder, in view of the fact that Japanese censors in the Post Office destroyed all the September overseas copies of the "China Journal" because of the publication of a photograph showing Japanese prisoners captured by the Chinese Army, whether these same censors will confiscate all over-seas copies (if any), of the first issue of "Shanghai."

You will observe from my card that I am not in any way connected with the "China Journal," also why it is necessary for me to write anonymously, although it is not my usual habit, but having seen this issue of "Shanghai," I shall be very pleased to supply to censors, should they decide to destroy all the copies in their possession, with sufficient quantity of pure carbolic acid free of charge.

Revolted.

Shanghai, Dec. 17.

## Fishery Dispute:

### A Question of Sincerity

To the Editor of the
"North-China Daily News"

Sir,—Japan evidently has an unhappy distaste for the same sauce the U.S.S.R. is applying to her, as Japan herself is applying to China.

When it suits Japan, treaties are outmoded that do not pay attention to the "changed conditions" in the Far East. The U.S.S.R. is merely applying the same argument, to recover Soviet sovereign rights in Soviet waters for the Soviet's own "strategical reasons." The fish are unquestionably Soviet fish.

Japan still insists on the fish in Soviet waters, yet she denies that Chinese (let alone foreign non-Japanese) may fish in Chinese waters. And when I say fish I mean fish!

Is this Japanese "sincerity?"

Poor Fish.

Shanghai, Dec. 17.

# CONTRACT

By Albert H. Morehead

*(In the New York "Times")*

One of the most effective of all entry-killing plays is likewise one of the easiest to overlook. The play was executed in the following deal, in a tournament.

South dealt, with neither side vulnerable. The bidding was:

| South | West | North | East |
|---|---|---|---|
| Pass | Pass | 1 Diamond | Pass |
| 1 No trump | Pass | 2 No trump | Pass |
| 3 No trump | Pass | Pass | Pass |

West opened the five of hearts and South won the trick with his queen. South led a diamond and East played low on the jack, but took his ace when the diamond king was next led from dummy. West discarded a club. East returned a heart, putting dummy in. Having learned that the diamonds could not be established, South led a low club from dummy. If East had played low, South could have made his contract by two finesses; but East put on his club queen, which prevented South from winning more than one club trick. This play enabled the defenders to defeat the contract.

**Ethics of Hesitation**

It is considered highly unethical to hesitate in a bridge game when the purpose of the hesitation is to mislead the opponents rather than to consider any actual problem of bidding or play. A correspondent reports that the following hand resulted in strained relations between two old friends:




North-South had 90 points on the score and both sides were vulnerable. South dealt. The bidding:

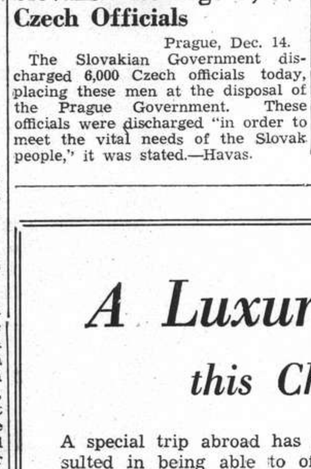
| South | West | North | East |
|---|---|---|---|
| Pass | Pass | 1 Club | 1 No trump |
| 2 Spades | Pass | Pass | 3 Hearts |
| 3 Spades | Pass | Pass | Pass |

West took the heart ace and led a low heart, East winning with the jack. East then led a spade. South spent some time in thought and then won with the spade ace. He then led a low club, West played low, dummy's eight was finessed and East won with the king. Though his side could have cashed three diamond tricks, East at this point led another spade, which enabled South to draw trumps and then run the entire club suit. East then said that South's hesitation had led him to believe that West held a spade trick.

Most tournament directors agree that, however bad an intentionally misleading action may be, an opponent who bases his own bid or play on such supposed information is equally guilty. In this case, however, there should be no argument, because South at least had some reason (after East's no-trump bid) to think that East might hold the spade jack, and he was entitled to consider finessing before determining his course of play.

**Culbertson Change**

The Culbertson system rules for the opening bid of three in a suit have been changed, this being the fourth different definition of the three-bid since the Culbertson system was first announced. In 1929 it was a strength-showing bid; in 1933 it became a weak shut-out bid; in 1936 it was called a "two-way" bid, which could be either strong or weak. It is now used to show a long, solid minor suit or a nearly solid major suit in a hand that is otherwise weak. This is the interpretation that most players, whether they follow a system or not, give to the opening three bid.




This hand was played before the new Culbertson bid was announced, but North's hand fits the definition exactly. West dealt, with neither side vulnerable. The bidding:

| West | North | East | South |
|---|---|---|---|
| Pass | 3 Diamonds | Pass | 3 No trump |
| Pass | Pass | Pass | |

Both of the defenders, though they could have made a game in hearts, were afraid to venture a high enough overcall after North's opening bid. South's contract could have been defeated, but was not. West opened the spade five, East taking the king and returning the eight. South played the ten and West the queen. A club lead by West at this point would have permitted East to lead another spade, but West guessed wrong and led a heart and South ran two hearts and seven diamonds to make his contract.

**Grand Slams**

According to the East London "Dispatch," the following hands were dealt at Umtata, South Africa.

The contract bridge players' dream came true here when four local women were each dealt a complete suit in the second rubber of the game. The cards had actually been used in the previous rubber and had been shuffled and cut in the ordinary way.

The dealer, with thirteen hearts, declared a grand slam exultantly and the next player, who had a mere thirteen clubs, was nonplussed as she was unable to make a bid. The third player immediately called thirteen spades and the fourth player, with thirteen diamonds, likewise could make no call.

There was no question of manipulation of the cards or of a practical joke.

## Slovaks Discharge 6,000 Czech Officials

Prague, Dec. 14.

The Slovakian Government discharged 6,000 Czech officials today, placing these men at the disposal of the Prague Government. These officials were discharged "in order to meet the vital needs of the Slovak people," it was stated.—Havas.

# CHURCH SERVICES

**Holy Trinity Cathedral.**—December 18.—4th Sunday in Advent.—Holy Communion (also in Bubbling Well Chapel) 8 a.m. Mattins (said) 10 a.m. Choral Eucharist 10.30 a.m. Ireland in C. Hymns: 49, 51, 317, 551. Preacher: Rev. P. C. Matthews, M.A. (Choral Eucharist at 10.30 a.m. will be broadcast from Cathedral over Station XQHB 361.2m 836 Kc.,) Children's Service 10.30 a.m. Preacher: The Dean. Sunday Schools 3 p.m. Carol Service 6 p.m. Evensong and Sermon 6 p.m. Preacher: Rev. J. N. Lewis Bryan, B.A., C. F. December 21.—St. Thomas, Apostle.—Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. Carol Service 5.45 p.m. December 24.—Christmas Eve.—Holy Communion 11.45 p.m.

**St. John's Pro-Cathedral,** Jessfield.—Evening Prayer in English at 6 o'clock Preacher: Rev. Leslie L. Fairfield, B.D.

**Union Church** (International and Interdenominational), 107 Soochow Road (near the British Consulate-General).—Officiating Minister: Rev. C. Wilfred Allan.—10.45, Morning Worship. Preacher, Rev. Dr. Carleton Lacy; 10.45, Children's Morning Service in the Church Hall; 3, Western District Sunday School in the premises of the German Church, 1 Great Western Road.—Tuesday, 7.30, Meeting of Tuesday Evening Club. Mr. W. M. McLennan on "Shanghai Shipping."—Thursday, 5.30, Choir Rehearsal.

**Church of the Air Programme**
(Station XMHD, 760 kc., 395m.)
Sunday Dec. 18.
10.00: XMHD Service (Rev. E. L. Kilbourne)
20.00: XMHD Gospel Singers
20.30: Gospel Service (Mr. F. H. B. Harman)
21.00: Russian Evangelistic Service and Music.
Weekdays, Dec. 19 to 24.
8.30. Thought for the Day (C. J. Lowe)
12.45: NCDN. News Broadcast
13.00: Devotional Service and Song
17.00: Classical and Popular Music
20.00: Sacred Concert
20.30: Gospel Service and Song
21.00: NCDN. News Broadcast
21.15: To be announced.
Noonday speakers will include Miss E. Talbot, Dr. H. G. C. Hallock, Rev. A. E. Small, Miss Edith Spurling and Rev. J. A. Jacobson.

**Fourth Marines Church.**—Commander H. Dumstrey, of the U.S.S. Augusta and U.S. Asiatic Fleet Chaplain, will conduct the worship and deliver the morning sermon on the theme "The Price Tag" at the Fourth U.S. Marine Church to be held in the Metropol Theatre on Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. Band selections in the service include "Coeur Brise" by Gillet and Macbeth's "Love In Idleness" for the Offertory. Mr. Andrew Ti sings as a special feature "Ave Maria" by Mascagni, with accompaniment by the band. The singing of the hymns is led by Sergeant Sheehan. Bandmaster Sidney M. Zeramby of the U.S.S. Augusta, leads the combined Fourth Marine and Augusta Bands in the programme following the service. Selections include the operatic fantasia "Creme de La Creme" by Tobani and Safranek's suite "Atlantis" (The Lost Continent). Guest artist in the concert is Musician 1st Class S. Evangelista of the Augusta who renders as a cornet solo "Inflamatus" by Rossini. The concert concludes with the band's rendition of Anchors Aweigh, The Marines' Hymn and the American National Anthem. A cordial welcome is extended citizens of Shanghai of all nationalities to attend both the church service and concert.

**Shanghai Free Christian Church.**—(Evangelical) 681 Hart Road. The Services on Sunday will be conducted as follows:—Morning at 11 o'clock by Rt. Rev. F. Houghton, B. A. Sunday School at 3 p.m. Young Ladies' Bible Class at 4.45 p.m. Evening at 6 o'clock by Mr. S. Gianville. Services during the week:—Monday at 8 p.m. Young People's Meeting. Thursday afternoon at 5.45 Prayer Meeting. Thursday evening at 7.45 Mens' Bible Class.

**Community Church.**—Chaplain R. R. Marken of the United States Marine Corps will preach Sunday morning at 11 o'clock in Community Church on the theme, "In a Day of Rebuilding." Mr. R. V. Dent will be at the organ. The choir will sing "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" by J. S. Bach, and Mrs. Eva Hwang Chen will sing "Alleluia" by Ferdinand Hummel. The Church School will meet at 9.30 in the morning. In the afternoon, the annual White Christmas programme consisting of a Christmas pageant and collection of gifts for the needy, will be presented by the Church School at five o'clock. Dr. C. Stanley Smith will be the speaker on the Navy "Y" programme for Service Men at 6.30.

**Church of Christ the King** 235 Rue Bourgeat.—Month of December, on Sundays, Masses at 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 a.m. Benediction at 6.30 p.m., on Weekdays Masses at 7 and 8 a.m., on First Friday. Masses at 7 and 8 a.m. Benediction at 6.30 p.m.

**Saint Joseph's Church** (Rue Montauban). Sunday: Masses at 5,15, 6, 7, 8,15 and 10,30 a.m. Benediction at 4 p.m. Weekdays: Masses at 6 and 7,30 a.m.

**Sacred Heart Church** (21 Nanzing Road). Sunday: Masses at at 7 and 8 a.m. Benediction at 4 p.m. Weekdays: Masses at 6 and 7 a.m.

**Saint Peter's Church** (Avenue Dubail). Sunday: Masses at 5,15, 6, 7, 8 and p.m. Weekdays: Masses at 5,15 6, 6,45 and 7,30 a.m.

**Saint Theresa's Church** (35 Tatung Road). Sunday: Masses at 7 and 8,30 a.m. Benediction at 4 p.m. Weekdays: Masses at 6,45.

**Our Lady's Church** (694 Baikal Road). Sunday: Masses at 6,30 and 8 a.m. Benediction at 4 p.m. Weekdays: Masses at 6 and 7 a.m.

**Church of St. Aloysius Gonzaga** (730 Kiaochow Road). Sunday: Masses at 6, 7, 8 and 9,30 a.m. Benediction at 4 p.m. Weekdays: Masses at 5,30, 6 and 6,30 a.m.

**First Church of Christ,** Scientist, Shanghai, 1647 Avenue Road. Sunday Service 11 a.m. Subject: "Is the Universe, Including Man, Evolved by Atomic Force? Sunday School 9.45 a.m. Testimonial Meeting, Wednesday, 6 p.m. Reading Room at the Church open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 10.30 a.m. to 6.30 p.m. Wednesday from 10.30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**"The Hut."** 495 Yu Yuen Road. Sunday School at 3 p.m. Evening Service at 6 o'clock. Preacher: Mr. R. H. Matthews. Bible Classes—Friday 7.45 p.m. Tuesday, 8 p.m. Advent Testimony Meeting. Speaker: Dr. R. H. Glover. Missions and The Blessed Hope.

**Bethesda Gospel Hall** (International).—729 Yu Yuen Road, Shanghai Gospel Services are held in: German:—on Sundays at 5 to 6 p.m., on Wednesdays Bible Class for Ladies at 4-5 p.m. English:—on Tuesdays Prayer Meeting at 5.30 to 6.30 p.m. Chinese:—on Sundays Breaking of Bread Meeting at 10-11.30 a.m., on Sundays Gospel Meeting at 2.30 to 3.30 p.m., on Fridays Bible Class at 5.30 to 7 p.m. on Thursdays Prayer Meeting at 5.30 to 7 p.m.

**Deutsche Kirche** Sonntag, den 18. Dezember, 4. Advent, vormittags 10,30 Uh Gottesdienst.—Samstag, den 24. Dezember, abends 5 Uhr Christandacht.-Sonntag, den 25. Dezember vormittags 10,30 Uhr Gottesdienst.

## Sixty Years Ago

From the "North-China Daily News"
of December 18, 1878

Yesterday, in accordance with previous announcement, the principal stores in the Settlement were thrown open for the exhibition of Christmas goods; and the display, specially those of Messrs. Hall & Holtz and Messrs. Lane, Crawford & Co., was more than equal to that of either 1876 or 1877—the late Paris Exhibition having been laid under heavy contribution to add to the multifarious "attractions" obtained from England and various other countries of Europe.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## From a Clubman's Chair

### Toast at the Neville Arms; Exclusive London Club

By Charles Martin

Novel ways of honouring the British Prime Minister continue to be reported. I have already mentioned the Belgian rush to buy umbrellas. For some months a Parisian hatter has made a special feature in his shop-window of a hat which he called "Le Chapeau Eden." A friend just back from the French capital tells me that the hat is still on show, but it is now described as "Le Chapeau Chamberlain."

Before very long it should be possible in some parts of the country to drink the Premier's health at the "Neville Arms." This name was borne by one of the many topical entries for inn signs competition at the Brewers' Exhibition in London. It displayed a head and shoulders portrait of Mr. Chamberlain.

**Club Which Fines Non-Singers**

The death of Lord Daresbury has created a vacancy in one of London's oldest and most exclusive clubs, which also is one of the most curious. Confined to 20 members, the Noblemen and Gentlemen's Catch Club meets periodically in a West End restaurant to dine and to sing glees and "catches". High social standing is one condition of membership. Another is a willingness to break forth into song whenever requested to do so by the President, or else pay a forfeit.

The club was founded in 1761. Three kings, before their accession, were members—George IV, William IV and the King of Hanover—and many a royal duke has raised his voice in glass and catches after a club dinner.

Of the club's many strange rules perhaps the strangest is the one that every member who acquires an increase of income shall pay to the society half of one per cent. of the first year's additional revenue. Alternatively, he can pay 10 guineas.

**Inn Signs for Motorists**

Apropos the naming of an inn "The Belisha Beacon" I commented not long ago on the dearth of licensed houses with names derived from motoring, or indeed from any modern activity. Judging by the inn signs on show at the Brewers' Exhibition, this deficiency is going to be rectified in the future.

Many of the signs were distinctly modern, both in choice of subject and in treatment, and I notice several designed to appeal to the motorist. The Tired Tyre, for instance, showed a car's rear wheel with flattened tyre, adjoining a tempting tray of drinks. Another, the Turn Inn, featured a red direction indicator pointing the way of escape from a nasty night. A third, called the Roundabout, gave an aerial view of a road junction.

Other modern titles were the Happy Landing and the Highflyer (both illustrated by a seaplane), the Lambeth Walk and the Listen Inn, the last with a modernistic design of clefs and key signatures.

**Baldwin Blazes a Trail**

Will Lord Baldwin start a new after-dinner smoking fashion? At a recent dinner attended by Mr. Kennedy, the American Ambassador, and other distinguished guests, the former British Prime Minister was the only diner to smoke a pipe. He puffed away contentedly, apparently unaware that he was doing anything out of the ordinary.

Yet an after-dinner taboo on the pipe still exists in certain circles in London. In more than one fashionable restaurant customers are forbidden to indulge in this form of smoking. Perhaps Lord Baldwin has done for the pipe what King Edward VII, when Prince of Wales, did for the cigarette.

By producing a cigarette after a dinner, where such a thing had never been done before the Royal innovator started a fashion which had far-reaching results. Including the ending of the idea that a man had to put on a special coat to smoke, exchanging it for another before he joined the ladies.


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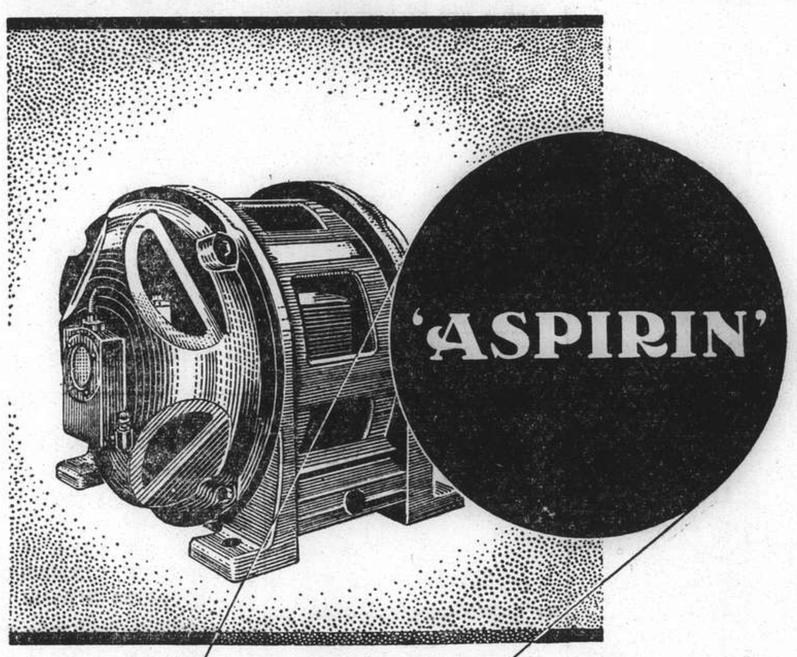


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# Girl Rescued from War-torn Hongkew

## Isolated for 40 Days in Hovel; "T.B." Association's Appeal for Assistance

The wires leading to the Municipal police headquarters are hot as a report comes in from a sikh policeman, that a moaning child of seventeen is found in the ruins of a Hongkew house and that only immediate help can save her.

The ambulance driver "steps on the gas." The siren fills the air with its weird sound as it passes through the deserted streets of Hongkew. The few lonely passers-by on the Hongkew streets of those days wonder what it is all about.

At the scene of distress even the hardened ambulance attendants stand aghast. Tucked under an open staircase they see and smell two reeking bodies, and upon the top of the staircase they find the moaning girl, who seems in the last stages of tuberculosis. Upon their question put to the frightened girl no coherent answers are given, and the ambulance staff had to make its own dicisions. It has long been known that ambulance surgeons have to make quick decisions. Accurate diagnosis must give way to immediate help in many cases.

"Tuberculosis and starvation" the ambulance doctor scribbles upon his report card. "To the refugee camp for tuberculosis," he says. In a moment the half naked and hopeless looking case is wrapped in the ambulance blankets and rushed off to the camp operated by the committee for the care of the aged and infirm.

### In Dazed Condition

Kind hands take her in, give her a bath, put on some clean clothes and put her to bed waiting for the attending physician to give further instruction. The girl looked like wild and she acted irrationally. She was thin, with a swollen face, lips bleeding and her hair was matted so tightly that on shaving it came off in a solid mass. She crawled about on all fours being too weak to stand, as she sought to move about in her dazed condition.

After some stimulating food she soon began to tell her story. Chiang Kou-ming, a seventeen-year-old girl, once a resident of Hongkew, fled to her relatives when the devastating war planes soared overhead and the rapidly approaching armies in the streets were laying in ruins all before them. Kou-ming's parents had fled to the country, she said but she was too late.

In the home of her relatives about mid-August of last year things were not safe either. Each one had sought for himself a place of comparative safety in hiding. But hiding had only lessened their chance of escape. Fires were raging all round. Soon the water was turned off. During the severe fighting three people hid in the top storey of a shop in Hongkew, where a little rice, a little sugar, some dates and some water had been collected.

### Drank Rain Water

Soon their water supply ran out. Chiang Kou-ming the strongest of the three saw how after days of suffering first one, then the other of her relatives died. She dragged their bodies under the stair that led to the top floor. Then she awaited her death. In the anguish of thirst, yet too fearful to venture out, she said, she had prayed to Tien Lanyu, God of Water, and he had sent rain that night which leaked into her room through the badly damaged tiles. She collected it and stored what she did not drink for future use.

Days and weeks passed. Forty days after her last relative had died, she thought she heard footsteps, she cried for help as best she could, until she had drawn the attention of the police. The girl maintained that she had been there for four months until her supply of sugar, dates and water were exhausted. Her body by that time was so emaciated and the way of escape so completely blocked by debris, that nothing but her voice to call attention offered any hope. She cried long and as loud as her strength allowed. The cry was heard.

At the tuberculosis hospital her case was soon diagnosed. She suffered less from tuberculosis than starvation. The emaciation due to starvation diet was so severe that the ambulance surgeons diagnosis could well be pardoned. For some days the attendants at the camp were afraid of the wild-looking girl and the doctors despaired of her recovery. Then a gradual return to health took place. Her mental symptoms cleared up, she gained weight, the sympathetic words of attendants met with response and after weeks of treatment she was dismissed as cured.

Hundreds of tuberculosis patients have since entered this hospital for refugees. Recently the former matshed camp was removed to the St. Luke's Hospital No. 2 refugee hospital in excellent quarters at 37B Brenan Road. The work goes on an entirely free basis. There are at present no patients in the hospital that are able to pay. To these interested the present tuberculosis hospital for refugees is open for inspection every Wednesday afternoon. A clinic for tubercular patients, too, is held at the hospital every afternoon.

### Major Health Problem

It is hoped that this work will become permanent. Tuberculosis is one of the major health problems that confronts the nation.

With the recent organization of the Shanghai Anti-tuberculosis Association the expenses involved in making the former convalescent camp into a permanent hospital has been instituted—a great forward step in this public health problem. The same organization aims at a preventive campaign with preventive work done in schools and anti-tuberculosis clinics, which campaigns have done so much to control the disease in other lands. At present it is issuing its first Annual Anti-tuberculosis Christmas stamps under the able leadership of Mr. Kai Chun.

The following are directors: Messrs. S. K. Alfred Sze, W. W. Yen, C. R. Bennett, N. Jordan, T. F. Huang, E. S. Tyau, N. B. Doodha, D. V. F. Yapp, P. S. Page, S. Sze, O. S. Jaspar Lee S. Huizenga, F. H. Paterson, J. C. McCracken, N. P. Chu, W. S. Fu, Y. Palud, L. D. Cio, K. F. Chang, T. C. Yen and Yu Ya-ching, Mrs. Kai Chun and representatives of the British Women's Association and American Women's Association.

Contributions for the work at the Tuberculosis Hospital can be forwarded to the office of the association at 41 Tsepang Road, through any of the directors. Membership is sought to insure a strong association and a vigorous attack upon a disease that is making strong inroads upon the people.

Decorative Silhouettes

## Snapshot Guild

Photographic silhouettes are a source of decorative pictures—and camera fun—which every snapshooter should try. The arrangements are simple—a white sheet stretched over a doorway, or division between two rooms, with a strong light behind it and the camera set up in front.

By arranging his subjects in front of this brightly illuminated sheet, the clever photographer can construct any number of imaginative or story-telling pictures. Costume snaps are particularly interesting in silhouette, and there are possibilities for many humorous pictures of the "it-can't-be" variety.

For instance, a juggler can be pictured keeping a dozen or two balls or bottles in the air at one time, or a camper can be pictured with two skillets, flipping a dozen flapjacks at one shot. In both these pictures, the objects to appear in the air would be cut from black paper or cardboard and pinned to the sheet at proper points.

The sheet must be stretched evenly, as wrinkles will show in the pictures. Lighting behind the sheet should also be as even as possible. Five feet is a suitable distance from lamps to points.

Three 60-watt inside-frosted electric bulbs will provide enough light to give good results with five-second time exposures, using a box camera with its lens at widest opening, or other cameras at lens stop f.11. To stop movement when pets or small children are appearing in silhouette, use a flash behind the sheet. Or, with two or three large size flood bulbs snapshots can be taken.

When using the flash bulb, someone can flash it at the correct moment at an "okay" signal from the person operating the camera. There should be sufficient light, from unshaded regular household bulbs, behind the sheet for the "cameraman" to see the silhouetted images and to know when to give his "okay" signal.

When the silhouette is snapped, of course, all lights must be turned off in the room which contains the camera and subject. Unless this is done, detail in the subject will show, spoiling the silhouette effect. The photographer should also be watchful of stray light from windows, and mirrors which might catch light from the illuminated sheet and throw it toward the shadow side of the subject.

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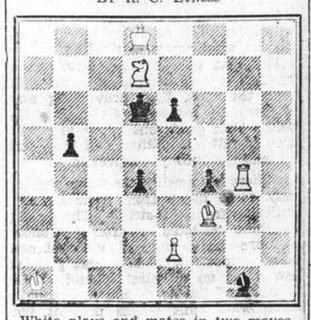
## CHESS

PROBLEM No. 139

By R. C. LYNESS



White plays and mates in two moves.

**Answers to Problem No. 138**

White: K on KB7; Q on K3; Kt on KKt4; P's on KKt2, KR3. Black K on KR4; P on KKt4. Key P-R4. Nothing more than this move was required; variations (Black moves and the corresponding White second moves) are given below, for completeness.

| Black | White |
|---|---|
| 1. K × Kt | 2. Q × P |
| 1. K × P | 2. Q — KR3 |
| 1. P × P | 2. Kt — B6 |

No. 1,044. Tries: 1, R × P, Q × R, 2. B × Q, P — B7! 1. Kt × B, Q × R, 2. B × Q, P × Kt! 1. Q — B2, Q × R, 2. B × Q, P — Kt3! If 1. Q — B7, Q — Kt4! If 1. Q — K7, Q × P! If 1. P — K4, Q — R4! After 1. Q — Q8 there is only a quadruple, for 2. Kt — K5ch fails by B × Kt. The problem is full of traps.

The following submitted correct solutions to Prob. No. 138: J. Lindner, J. Lawrence Rozario, N. G. Pippides, L. de Sa and C.R.D.

**From the British Championship**

QUEEN'S GAMBIT

| White<br>Golombek | Black<br>Milner-Barry |
|---|---|
| 1. P — Q4 | Kt — KB3 |
| 2. Kt — KB3 | P — Q4 |
| 3. P — B4 | P — K3 |
| 4. Kt — B3 | P — B4 |
| 5. BP × P | BP × P (a) |
| 6. Q — R4ch | B — Q2 |
| 7. Q × QP | P × P |
| 8. Kt × P (b) | Q — R4ch |
| 9. Kt — B3 | Kt — B3 |
| 10. Q — Q1 (c) | Kt — K5 |
| 11. B — Q2 | Kt × B |
| 12. Q × Kt | Castles |
| 13. Kt — Q5 (d) | Q × Kt! |
| 14. Q × Q | B — QKt5ch |
| 15. Kt — Q2 | B — K3 |
| 16. Q × Rch (e) | R × Q |
| 17. Castles | B × P |
| 18. Kt — B3 (f) | R — K1 |
| 19. Kt — Q4 | Kt — R4 (g) |
| 20. P — KKt3 (h) | R — K4 |
| 21. B — R3ch | K — B2 (i) |
| 22. K — B2 (j) | R — QB4ch |
| 23. K — Q3 | B — B5ch |
| 24. K — K3 | R — K4ch |
| 25. K — B3 (k) | B — Q4ch |
| 26. K — B4 | R — K5ch (l) |
| 27. K — B5 | R — K1 (m) |
| 28. Kt — Kt5 (ch) | K — B3 |
| 29. R × B! | P — KKt3ch |
| 30. K — B4 | R × P |
| 31. Kt — Q4ch | Resigns (n) |

(a) Kt × P is usual; the text is somewhat on the lines of the Guisburg Gambit, in which, however, Kt — KB3 has not been played.
(b) B — Kt5 would be more discreet, but Mr. Golombek never fears complications.
(c) Q — QR4, Q × Q. 11. Kt × Q. Kt — QKt5, winning the exchange.
(d) A daring move; but Mr. Milner-Barry outdares by his fantastic reply.
(e) Q × Bch, P × Q. 17. Castles, would retain the P; but I believe in the text, which is played to win.
(f) Kt — K4 is much better; if then Kt — Q5. 19. P — K3; or R — Kt1, 19. Kt — B3.
(g) R — K4 is a good alternative, forcing 20. K — B2. But even so, I cannot prove a win for Black.
(h) P — K3 would be my choice, as the text exposes the K.R.
(i) K — Kt1 should win; on B2 he is eventually subject to a Kt check—but how could this for foreseen in such a position?
(j) Not R — Q3, R — QB4ch, 23. K — Q1, Kt — B5, winning.
(k) If K — B4, B — Q3 is very strong; White must, I think, continue P — K4, when R — QKt5ch picks up the QKtP.
(l) This loses definitely; by Kt — B5 (or even P — B3) Black would keep the attack going.
(m) B — K2 would win, if the Black K were on Kt1! As it is, there is nothing left; the text is a blunder which loses at once.
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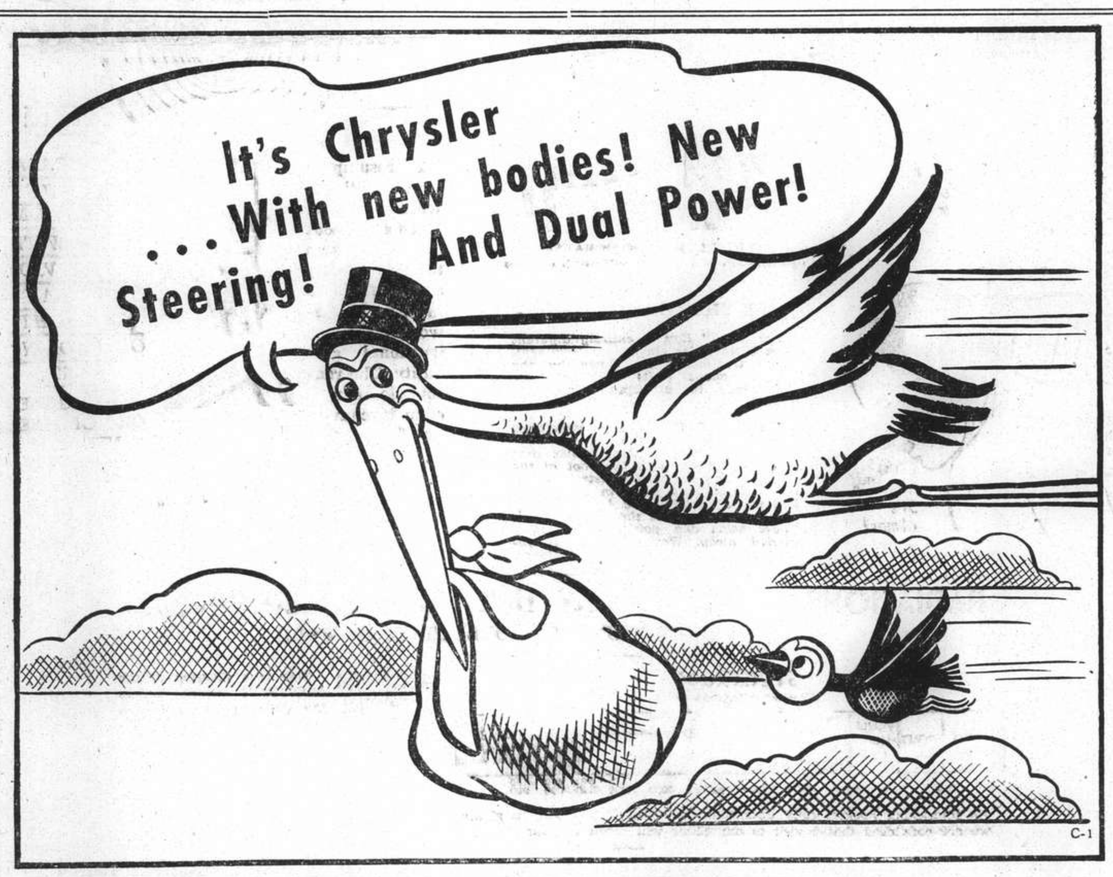


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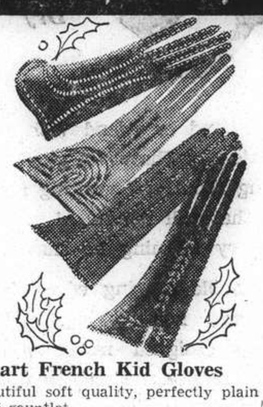

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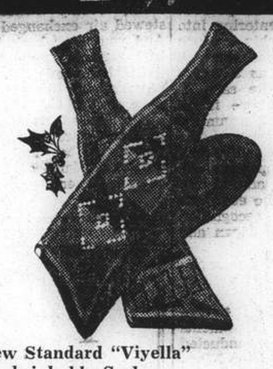

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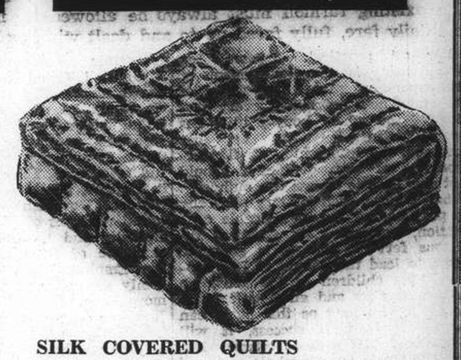

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# Japan-China Economic Bloc

## Japanese Army Dominates Financial Policies of Government ; Triple Military Alliance

By Arthur Sopher

NO-ONE can predict, with exactitude, in what mould Sino-Japanese economic policies will find solidification. The present emergence from an amorphous into an apparently-crystalline state of the Japanese line of development is no surety as to the future course of things. An understanding of the formative stage, however, together with a recognition of inevitable modifications, would serve the interests of permanent businessmen here. To that end, let us attempt to treat the factual with the fundamental, and see what light can be had.

Before addressing ourselves to this subject of paramount concern, one must abjure the moody and negative state of mind of continual plaint and dejection and bring to the problem an acceptance of things as they are in as cheerful a spirit as possible. The existing turmoil must always be allowed-for in our budget and daily fare, fully faced-up-to and dealt with, as best we may.

For all practical purposes, the Army today is the Government of the Japanese nation. This sinew of the state, now overruling every section of the whole body-politic, has been entrusted with, or has assumed, the leadership. Civil functionaries of high distinction would not now dare to oppose this authority. What is more, such military oligarchy is possessed of the ineradicable conviction, amounting to fanatical religious fervour, that it is given to them to lead the people of Dai Nippon, "the children of the gods," to a high destiny and an Asiatic overlordship. So long as this party can justify itself with success, it will continue in its present course. Not until it meets with a whole series of reversals, will it be discredited. Only time, therefore, can attest to its real validity and true worth.

**Protagonists of Power Politics**

In the world situation, it has aligned itself with Rome and Berlin, both protagonists of so-called power politics. According to Mr. A. J. Cummings, writing in the London "News-Chronicle," a triple military alliance is in the offing. The gist of the proposed agreement is that the three nations of Germany, Italy and Japan, will be in close consultation with, and offer each other assistance politically, diplomatically and economically, if one party is menaced or attacked.

Coming down to the all-essential economic requisites for the advancement of Japan, how may we expect a military rulership to approach this problem other than in a brusque military manner, namely, through force. The sought-for Japan-China "co-operation"—wretched though the connotation of this word has come to have for us—is not to be achieved by delicate handling and the gentle suasion of goodwill, but by severe compulsions.

**Sincere Belief of Military**

Through military weapons is seen the only means to weld not only the political but the productive powers of the two oriental nations. It is sincerely believed by the Japanese military party—however heretical that notion may seem to us—that this method will also work out to the good of the Chinese people.

Thus the system of economic regimentation and monopoly, which has long obtained in Japan proper, whereby a few colossal concerns conduct the bulk of the nation's business, has been applied in Manchoukuo, is being put into operation in North-China, and also attempted in the regions of Central China.

The biggest and most serious step adopted in this direction is the indefinite closing of the Yangtze River to any other shipping but that of Japan. There may be purely military reasons why Japanese feel justified in doing so, but to foreign powers the explanations given are not convincing.

The "North-China Daily News" reports the formation of a new Japanese shipping concern to be known as the Yangtze River Steamship Company. It is stated that this firm aims at the monopoly of all river trade between Shanghai and Yangtze ports. The Company has already held its first meeting at the Astor House Hotel, Shanghai, on Saturday, December 10, when 50 directors were appointed and a Chinese compradore. Operations are to commence next month, and there will be maintained, by sixteen vessels, regular services to all ports.

The new company is believed to be a subsidiary of the (Japanese) Central China Development Company, which aims at monopolizing all trade within the area occupied by Japanese forces, proceeding on the same lines as the China Inland Steam Navigation Co., which has secured, it is said, a monopoly of all launch services in the Shanghai area.

**Multifarious Activities**

We shall not go into the multifarious activities in the economic sphere of a monopolistic character—phases of which this column has touched-upon on previous occasions. The heart of it is that there are all the signs and symbols that the new economic rule in Central China would run, if it could, along the similar monopoly pattern as elsewhere.

It is for this reason that the Government of the United States, whose hands are more free than that of any other Great Power, thought fit to address to the Government of Japan a strong Note on October 6, reciting the serious complaints of her nationals trading in China, and severely protesting against the infringement of the Open-Door policy and the provisions of the Nine-Power Pact.

The belated response in November of the Japanese was considered unsatisfactory by the United States Government who has maintained, since then, an ominous silence. The House of Lords held a debate on the same subject and endorsed the American stand in the matter, rejected as invalid all the contentions of the Japanese for restricting foreign trade.

It has been rumoured that Japan would be coming out now with an open denunciation of the Nine-Power Pact, but as yet this has not materialized. However, a *ballon d'essai*, in the form of a newspaper article appearing in the Tokyo "Asahi," on December 10, could be considered as a likely-form that such rumoured denunciation of the Pact is to take, and the reasons therefor.

**Ten Point Thesis**

The article contains ten points—it goes somewhat cynically one better than the Nine-Power Pact in number of points—and attempts a reasoned exposition of Japan's new political and economic stand. We regard this statement as being one of much significance and give hereunder points concerning economic activity.

It is argued in the article that since the world is guided by the principle of economic isolation, "economic co-operation between Japan and China is inevitable and unavoidable." The writer states that "it would be most advantageous to China because realization of such economic co-operation will assure China of a market for her materials and resources. The present incident, it is stated, has occurred because the National Government of China rejected relations of mutuality and reciprocity and menaced the right of existence of the Japanese Empire." The Empire, it goes on to stress, is firmly determined to check and remove obstacles in the way of Sino-Japanese economic co-operation, irrespective of the difficulties that may be encountered.

**Rights of the Powers**

There then follows a Japanese definition of what the rights of the Powers should be. These, in the new era, are to be little different from those enjoyed by foreign countries in Japan or Great Britain and the United States. "Japan, however," the text reads, "stands in the relation of life or death with China, in national defence and economic activities."

The thesis is then propounded, without any logical demonstration whatever, that the principle of equal opportunity, as enunciated by the Nine-Power Pact, would prevent Japan and China from entering into close economic relationship, reduce China to a semi-colonial market, and, in short, be interpreted as a treaty to preserve China for the sake of Europe and America. There is no cogency in the collateral argument that such a principle impairs the right to existence of the Empire, and, on the other hand, "oppresses the autonomous exercise of administrative rights by China in the economic field. It constitutes non-recognition of the national growth of Japan and China."

In clause 8 is provided an amplification as to the economic activity that the Powers should pursue in China. The dictum is that foreign trade, business enterprise, investments and so on, should not be conducted according to the articles of the Nine-Power Pact, but should be restricted within the limits dictated by the autonomy and independence of China and in recognition of the special relationship between China and Japan in accordance with the new situation in East Asia, namely:

The economic activities of the Powers in China are required not to violate the basic demand of national defence of new China as a wing of East Asiatic defence. As new China is to bear a share of the responsibility with Japan and Manchoukuo for defence against Communism, the basic industries and economic facilities required for establishing her national defence foundation are not to be bound by mere treaty obligations.

The economic activities of the Powers in China are not to impair the autonomous exercise of the economic administrative rights necessary to new China.

Apart from these two provisions, all Powers may be engaged in economic activities in China on equal footing with Japan, and under the principles of free competition and indiscriminatory treatment.

The comment is here justified that in the Japanese- ocupied regions no such equal footing obtains, nor does the practice of the said free principles exist.

**Proposed Economic Hegemony**

The fore-given points represent the blue-print of Japan's proposed economic hegemony over China. It remains to be seen whether this rigid plan would fit in ultimately with the world pattern. In the first place, Japan has not succeeded, as yet, in annihilating the Chiang Government, who may receive a fresh lease of life in the west and south-west of China, where new means of communication are being established with the outer world for the conduct of trade and the acquisition of arms. Nor have the Japanese by any means achieved the so-called "co-operation" much harped-upon.

It is more than likely, in view of the firmer grouping of the three totalitarian nations, that the democratic Powers, in the interests of their own preservation, which is being threatened, would be gravitating towards each other. Whether they will be able to form a coalition in good time is the important matter.

So the fate of the Japan-China economic bloc will depend as much on foreign as domestic events. At present, there is no finality reached in the Sino-Japanese hostilities, nor any in sight for a long time to come, with all the sequences that such may have in its train.

In the Japanese Alps

# Alpine Snows for You and Me

## Winter Sports Are Calling Shanghai People to the Snowfields of Japan

Less than thirty years ago an Austrian military officer introduced ski-ing into Japan. Skating, of course, has a long history in the country, but skiing was something new. It so captured the hearts of the people that now inter-collegiate contests and ski club races brighten what used to be the rather sombre winter lives of the villages in the snow districts, and Japan did so well in the Second Winter Olympic Games of 1928 that the following year a cloud of the most famous Norwegian skiiers descended on her, eager to make acquaintance with the stamping grounds of these remarkable newcomers to the snow sports world.

Shanghai is by no means a stranger to the joys of Japan's snowfields. A company of the elect go over each year to the island empire to build bodies and minds anew on its sparkling mountainsides. Think what it means: freedom in place of confinement; beauty instead of ugliness; stewed air exchanged for champagne. And you come back from the adventure full of vim and vigour, with something good to remember all the year through until you can repeat the dose next Christmas.

All the sports fields are easily reached by train and bus from Tokyo, Osaka, Kobe and Nagasaki. The northern island of Hokkaido, however, is generally conceded to be the king of the winter sports regions, owing to its high altitude and perfect accommodation for visitors.

Near to the big towns, you can depend on fine European-style hotels, but some of the very best winter sports places are still without such hotels. A good many people, however, will jump at the chance of living in cosy Japanese inns and thereby making acquaintance with the real life of the country. And if your choice of location is also blessed with an outdoor hot-spring pool, you can add hot baths among the snows to your experience! For such a place as Sugadaira, the last part of the journey is made over snow and through pine-forests in a covered horse-sleigh—what could be more enchanting?

**Outfit Needed**

If we set out on this lovely, adventure, what do we need in the way of outfit? Because when you land in Japan you don't want to be bothered with collecting an outfit—you want to get on the spot right away. Well, after, of course, the ski-ing suit itself, which should be of strong wind and water proof gabardine cut big enough to allow of bending elbows and knees with ease, first of all you will want—boots. These should be big enough to be worn with three pairs of thick woollen socks. They mustn't be tight or the feet will be cold all the time. They must be well-softened with dubbin, they should have a strap round the instep for additional support, and should be oiled before each wearing to keep them waterproof.

You will want four pairs of waterproof socks and six pairs of ordinary wool ones. You will wear two pairs of wool socks at one time, and over them if you were in Europe you would draw a pair of goat-wool socks which are waterproof of themselves. Shanghai can waterproof sailcloth—it could probably make a shot at doing the same for wool if you asked it. Waterproof gauntlet gloves with elastic round the tops should be worn over wool mittens. Warm pull-overs will be needed with polo necks, and short silk or wool scarves will help.

The best type of headgear is a woollen cap which comes down well over the ears, thus preventing any danger of frost-bite. Ski-caps with peaks look good, but they are not nice to fall on, neither will they roll up and go into your pocket.

Skiiers who refuse to wear goggles may come home from their holiday suffering from eye-strain. The strong sunshine reflected up from the snow is more than normal eyesight can stand unprotected. The best goggles are made on an elastic band which goes round the head, and they should have wide rims which prevent the sun from penetrating through at the sides.

It is most important to have your skis fitted by an expert, for it is on them in the first place that your success will depend. But here is a rough test for choosing the right length of ski. Stand with your arm held straight above your head and your fingers stretched and close together. Up-end the ski in front of you and your finger-tips should just reach its point.

# Son of Chinese General Enters Czech Army

Prague, Dec. 14.

Li Ban, son of the Chinese General, Li Hong-wong, began his military service in the Czech Army today. The only Czech words he knows are, "Discipline is the noble honour of every soldier." He is 22 years of age and intends to stay three years in the Army. He wishes to study to become an officer.—Havas.

# Duchess of Atholl on Her Policies

## Government Foreign Policy Vigorously Opposed

London, Dec. 16.

The Duchess of Atholl, who recently resigned as Conservative M.P. for Kinross and West Perth to stand for election as an independent candidate, published an electoral manifesto today, devoted to problems of foreign policy.

The Duchess stated that her attitude in problems such as British policy towards the Spanish conflict and the Munich Agreement is radically opposed to that of the British Government.

She declared herself partisan of a policy of organized resistance against dictatorships and advocated that the creation of a Ministry of War Supplies.

The manifesto ended in an assertion of fidelity to the principles of the Conservative party but, most of all, to the country.

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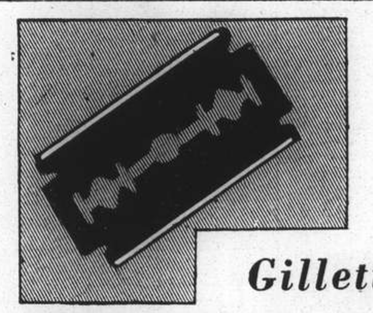

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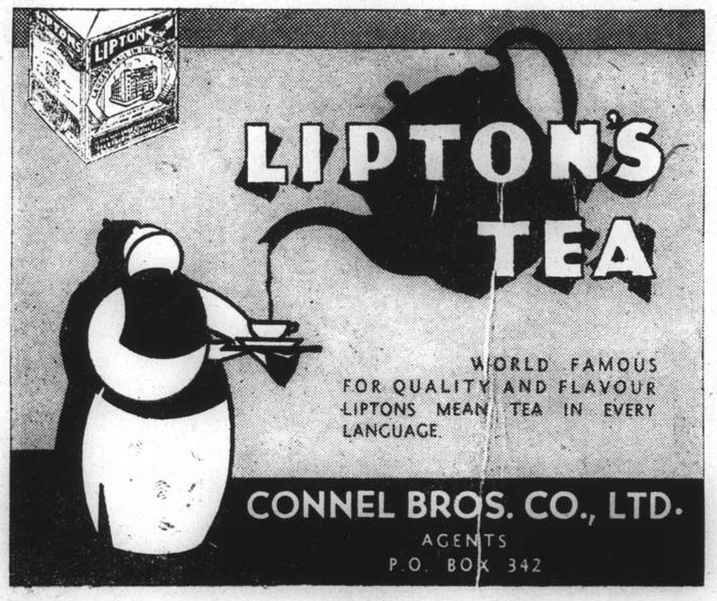




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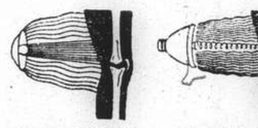


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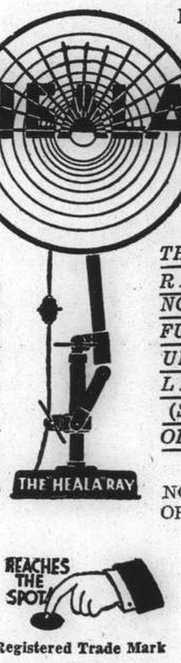


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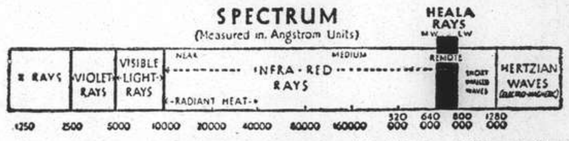


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**"Sky Giants"**

*At the Metropol Theatre today Richard Dix has the starring role in an aviation thriller, supported by such favourites of the silver screen as Chester Morris, Joan Fontaine and Harry Carey.*

**"Cocoanut Grove"**

*Opening today at the Grand Theatre are Fred MacMurray and Harriet Hilliard in featured roles, supported by the Yacht Club Boys, Monte Blue, Eve Arden, Dorothy Howe and Harry Owens.*

**"That Certain Age"**

*Coming very shortly to the Metropol Theatre are Fred Astaire, Ginger Rogers, Ralph Bellamy and Luella Gear (above), while associated are Jack Carson and Franklyn Pangborn.*

**"Carefree"**

*The Nanking Theatre management announces this Deanna Durbin starring cinema for the Christmas presentation—others include Melvyn Douglas, Jackie Cooper (above) and Irene Rich.*

## New Theatre Opened

The most brilliant motion picture premiere in the history of England's capital was the opening of the new Warner Theatre in London recently, with the Duke and Duchess of Kent attending in person the event which they officially sponsored. The entire proceeds of the first night were donated to the British Empire Cancer Fund.

America's Ambassador to Great Britain, Mr. Joseph P. Kennedy, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Warner in a special party attending the official opening to the public of this new house, which was built on the site of the famous Old Daly's Theatre. The motion picture selected to be the first to play at this theatre was "The Adventures of Robin Hood," was applauded throughout by enthusiastic representatives of London's "Who's Who," which made up the majority of the audience.

Demoliton of the Old Daly's Theatre was begun November 1, 1937. Among the many features of the new Warner Theatre which replaced it are a Royal Box and a Royal Reception Room. The theatre seats 1,800, all of which were occupied at the opening.

## Christmas at the Palace

Plans are proceeding apace at the Palace Hotel for the Christmas and New Year holidays, in which the entire staff are taking a keen interest. Both of the "Eves" will be observed in the manner customary to establishments of the Hongkong & Shanghai Hotels, the Astor and Palace Hotels. This year the Palace will cater to patrons of the former as well, inasmuch as the hostilities have prevented the reopening of the Astor House.

A special menu, including all the viands and dainties served on previous occasions, has been prepared and the scrupulously clean kitchens of the hostelry ensure satisfaction of guests. An augmented orchestra and a floorshow will constitute the entertainment menu, to which will be added carnival effects, such as balloons, confetti and souvenirs.

## Nina Kellan's Band

A tea dance with music by Nina Kellan's American band and entertainment by the Midnight Follies will be held today at the Winter Garden, opposite Jessfield Park. The tea dance will commence at 5.30 p.m. Tonight delicious barbecued chicken dinners will be served. The new floor show, which starts at 11 o'clock, includes songs and dances by the Follies, a feature number by the entire array of artistes; a novelty number by Tommy and Jimmy, Tod Sanborn on the marimba and Stanley's violin solos. The cheery Colonial fireplace, where five-foot logs are burned, is said to be a popular spot with patrons. Next Thursday night will be Amateur Singing Contest Night.

**Leonid Kreutzer**

*Distinguished pianist to be presented at the Lyceum by M. Strok on January 6 and 9.*

## Municipal Orchestra's Eleventh Concert

The Deputy Conductor, Prof. A. Foa, will be at the Conductor's stand for the first time this season at today's concert to be held by the Municipal Orchestra at the Lyceum Theatre at 5.15 p.m.

For the first number of the programme, Prof. Foa has chosen the suite for Stringed Orchestra "Intermezzi Goldoniani" by the famous Italian organist and composer E. Bossi. In these pieces the composer brings us back to the frivolity, love-making and gay times of "Goldoni," which are very well depicted in Bossi's music. Glazounow's 4th Symphony will follow with its melancholic melodies, but rich in colour and orchestration.

**"Escapade"**

*Two favourites, William Powell and Luise Rainer, continue to attract at the Cathay Theatre.*

Mr. Leo Itkis, Shanghai's popular pianist, will close the programme by rendering Tschaikowsky's 1st Concert in B Flat with Orchestra.

The full programme follows:—

Suite "Intermezzi Goldoniani" ..E. Bossi
for stringed orchestra
(a) Preludio e Minuetto
(b) Gagliarda
(c) Coprifuoco
(d) Minuetto e Musetta
(e) Serenatina
(f) Burlesca

Symphony No. 4 in E flat ..Glazounow
(a) Andante—Allegro moderato
(b) Scherzo: Allegro vivace
(c) Finale: Andante—Allegro—Presto

Piano-Concerto No. 1 B flat
with Orchestra
Tschaikowsky
(a) Allegro non troppo e molto maestoso
(b) Andantino semplice
(c) Allegro con fuoco

Soloist: Leo Itkis
Deputy-Conductor: Prof. Arrigo Foa

Reservations will not be held after 5 p.m.

## "Le Lac des Cygnes"

The immortal ballet of Tschaikowsky "Le Lac des Cygnes" is considered as one of the most brilliant exponents of the symphonic terpsichorean art. The Swan Lake is always in the repertoire of the famous Monte Carlo Ballet and it was produced in London at the Sadler's Wells for the opening of this winter season.

The choreography of this ballet affords a great field of action for the classical and character dancing. The leading part will be danced by Miss Audrey King, English ballerina, who has been admired for her marvellous technique and grace in many previous productions of Le Ballet Russe. Shevlugin will portray the leading male role whilst Bobinina, Baranova, Yanover, Vorobieva, Antares, Larskaya, Lissner, Voropaeva, Sokolsky, Kniazeff, Eliroff and Wiener should be mentioned among those taking the important dancing or miming parts.

Advance booking is open at Messrs. Moutrie's and at the theatre.

## Russian Light Opera

Members of the Russian Light Opera will present "The Mascot" for the last time tonight in the Lyceum Theatre, with Redji in the leading role, supported by Valin, Kudinoff, Slobodskoy and Nevskaya.

Several entrancing ballets, in which Seroff and Manjelei play the solo parts, provide a pleasing interlude to song and dialogue. Sloutsky directs the orchestra.

## No Broadway Shows for Hollywood Stars

### Lack of Plays Because Studios Purchase Best

Mariam Hopkins, Joan Crawford, Claudette Colbert, Marlene Dietrich and Carole Lombard all have been scanning manuscripts for the past three months, but to no avail. Each had been promised Broadway backing in a footlights venture, but they didn't dare take a chance on the fourth-rate material turned up by their search.

Remembering such disastrous ventures as those of Katharine Hepburn, and more recently Fredric March and Florence Eldridge, even the old-time troupers are now singing a different tune. Basil Rathbone says he's through with the stage. Frank Morgan, one of the legit die-hards, wouldn't have any part of present-day show business, he says. Robert Montgomery, who has always entertained a warm spot for "the boards," says the stage lost every vestige of its old appeal for him.

There shouldn't be anything new or surprising about the situation. For years the movies have been skimming the cream and carting off most of the milk from the literary markets. The prices they pay give them access to the whole store of world literature. Even so every major studio is tortured several times each year to find suitable starring stories for top stars.

Passing through the average film story department each month are more than 1,000 manuscripts, novels, short stories, magazine stories, even newspaper clippings that might suggest stories—turned in by agents and scouts throughout the world. All studios maintain reading departments in Europe. Most major publishing houses submit galley proofs to studios long before books are on the market.

Even the star—very rare they are these days—whose contract provides for a final say-so on stories has most of the selection and preparation burdens taken off his or her shoulders by the studio. So, when that same star begins looking for stage material the available material is immediately reduced to a mere fraction. The final source and recourse is the playwright—and chances are that gentleman is no philanthropist. If he has something good, he knows the movies will pay him much more than a stage producer. Small wonder, then, that the stray smash successes finally reaching Broadway with Hollywood personalities in the lead are few and far between.

**"Mother Carey's Chickens"**

*James Ellison will be today at the Nanking Theatre.*

## Two-Piano Concert at Alliance Francaise

The concert on Friday in aid of St. Olga's Orphanage for two pianos played by Mmes Schlepianoff and Declety provided an evening's entertainment of enjoyment and edification. The latter, in the main, because the majority of the works selected were of high musical calibre being for the most part, originals written for two keyboard instruments. The Bach piece was one of his duets originally written for two harpsichords; instruments of the dulcimer type. Schumann's Allegro and Variations once contained additional parts for two 'cellos and a horn, but these have dropped out and the work (Op.46) is now exclusively known as one for two pianos. "Ma Mere l'Oye," of course, came into being as a piano duet. Its presentation in this form was of considerable interest since it is not often thus played now. This is because we have apparently renounced fundamentals for the faultless decorative artistry of the orchestral version, which came out in 1912 and by which "Ma Mere l'Oye" is known today.

Call the former a purer art, if you will, for it represents the first and original thoughts of the composer, but not to acknowledge the superiority of the composer's orchestrated version, by which the composition now lives, remaining as one of his most fanciful and exquisite works, is to retire into the cloudy realms of the purist. We choose the orchestrated version because it has great emotional appeal, just as a fairy-tale should have. For a study of the work, the piano version is invaluable for the texture is crystally clear and very ingeniously deployed too. But after once hearing, what could replace the snorts and rumbles of the double-bassoon as the Beast or the mounting pulse of the Beauty voiced by the 'celli? Again, the resources of the strings are necessary to sing the sustained and ever augmented sonority of "The Enchanted Garden." "Laideronette," of course, is percussive and as such eminently suited in its pianistic form.

Mmes Schlepianoff and Declety were splendid throughout, their playing at all times evincing a well-organized collaboration with ample technical means for the works chosen. It is a pity that the Bluthner was not the tonal equal of the Steinway.—H.

## Formal Opening

A large number of persons were in attendance last night at the formal opening of the city's newest combination night club and cocktail lounge, the Lambeth Bar, located on the balcony floor of the Paramount Ballroom but entirely apart from the ballroom. The Lambeth is decorated with an eye to beauty and comfort, has its own small but competent orchestra, a large, beautiful curbed bar with pretty hostesses, and is soundproof and its artistes include Ray and Rosie Reynolds. In designing the Lambeth of features of Continental and American night clubs were pleasingly combined.

## Shanghai Grand Opera

Mr. L. G. Le Bigot, director of the Grand Opera de Shanghai has received the news that Alexander Valentinoff and Michael Speransky have left Paris for Shanghai. It is expected that they will be followed shortly by Lydia Figner and Lydia Koretsky. The stars from Harbin opera, who are due here in the Hoten Maru, are Lydia Mikitchuk, Fedorovskaya, Sayapii, Turutia and Altchevsky. A new bass has arrived recently from Vienna and has joined the Grand Opera, he is Robert Rose. His beautifully trained voice has been heard previously in the "Volks Opera" in Vienna, and he has been a regular concert singer for some time.

The second season of opera in Shanghai will start with ten new leading singers of an excellent quality. It is said that the French musical press has remarked with regret that the Far Eastern engagement of such strong vocal talent like Valentinoff and Speransky will leave a void that will be difficult to replace. The arrival of these artistes from Europe may be considered as a pleasant theatrical surprise which is a welcome thrill to the music lovers of Shanghai. They are to sing in the French and Italian languages as well as Russian.


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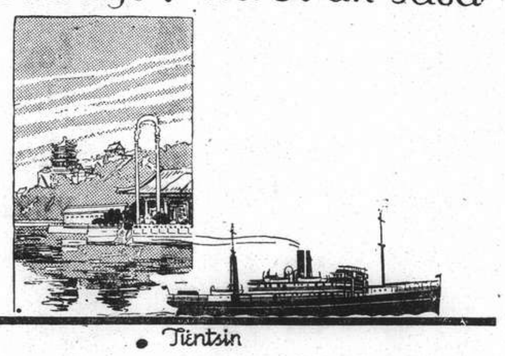

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## FRENCH MISSIONS

BY TIBETAN

Père Valours has left the frontier for his beloved France. Arriving in Tachienlu in 1924, he spent the intervening years at different points along the border. Like most of the young French priests in the Tibetan Marshes, Père Valours soon acquired a very good knowledge of the Chinese language, and after three months study was able to take an active part in the work of his mission. An industrious student of life along the frontier he also proved himself an intrepid traveller and there are few parts of the Tung River that he did not explore from Danba to Kiating. With Louis Pasteur, now on the mission board in Paris, Père Valours made an interesting journey overland from Wasi to Mowkung, from there to Danba and down the Tung River to Wasi.

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It is sometimes quite difficult in border travel that one may say he has been the first white man to pass along a certain road. This claim has frequently been made only to discover that some years ago a young French priest had tramped along this road before. There are few rugged piths, mountain trails or unknown roads along the Tibetan frontier that have been travelled over by some member of the Paris Mission Etrangères. Père Doublet, Père Gratton, Père Charrier, Père Pasteur and Père Valours have travelled along rough and dangerous roads to visit another lonely père hidden away somewhere among the mountains. Many of these brave fellows must live a very lonely existence dwelling as they do one by one in their mission stations. The yearly conference surely is a blessing and relief to them, giving as it does some intercourse with priests from other outposts.

Fortunately these men have other interests apart from their mission work. There are few scientific journals or museums throughout the world where the name of Père David does not appear. Bird, animal and insect life along the Tibetan foothills was carefully studied by this young scientist, and, as he hunted for bugs, beetles and bats, he kept his keen scientific eye on the souls of men. He was first of all a missionary and an evangelist and in his patient search for men he found time to search for flowers. In going through the dried specimens in the Edinburgh herbarium some years ago, we were surprised to find how frequently the name of Père David appeared over the head of some rare and interesting flower. Living so much alone these brave fellows devote their leisure to the study of anthropology, ethnology and kindred subjects.

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Their homes are very simple and so also is their dress and menu and this gives them considerable time to devote to their daily task and any outside interest they may have. When Père Valours left the east gate his baggage consisted of 40 lb., including his food, bedding and clothes, and a little Tibetan rug he was taking to France.

As a French officer during the Great War, Père Valours no doubt discovered what he could conveniently do without and still carry on the fight, and in the good fight of faith he has also discovered that much baggage is a weariness to the flesh, not to mention the mind. So with only 40 lb. if luggage he will be able to cover, as he hopes to do, long distances every day.

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When bidding this fine fellow goodbye, I was surprised to learn that it was his intention to walk to Kunming, the capital of Yunnan. "But surely you have a horse?" "No! "Then you will be riding a chair?" "No!" "What do you intend to do?" "Ride this horse," he said, and he pointed to his two legs. Kunming is a long journey from Tachienlu and is roughly between 30 and 40 horse stages. He may, however, if he wants to, pick up a horse at some of the mission stations. But his plan is to walk most of the way till he reaches the railhead at Kunming. From there he intends to travel by rail to Haiphong and Saigon, where he hopes to meet his brother, who is a missionary in the F.M.S.

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Père Valours is the fifth father to leave the frontier since 1935 and naturally we are beginning to wonder if any change is taking place in the Paris Mission Etrangères. It was usually understood that when a French priest left his native French he did so for life. Père Charrier returned to France; Père Gratton followed him; then Père Pasteur and now Père Valours; and in the early part of this year Père Goré went home. Now there is some talk that Bishop Valentin might visit France. Fathers Charrier, Gratton and Goré have returned to the field, and it is said that Louis Pasteur is keen to return to his work on the frontier. Père Valours hopes to be here in one year's time. Marie des Anges, the Mother Superior, was home for a few years and is back again.

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We have not heard if French pères in other parts of China are seeking rest and refreshment in their native France, if this is peculiar to the Paris Mission Etrangères, if it is entirely the kindness and consideration of the Bishop Apostolic of Tibet, Bishop Valentin, or if changes have taken place in the constitution of the Mission. That such a change should be anticipated by the authorities before it is grudgingly conceded is no doubt showing wise administration. Many of these fine fellows after ten and 20 years on the field would do well to have a rest and change, which would do much to give them a new vision of the great task to which they have devoted their lives.

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Père Nussbaum, living in the valley of the Mekong, is not having a pleasant or enjoyable time as a missionary under direct Lhasa control. Yenching, the salt wells, where he spends his days, lies west of the Yangtze, and is in Tibetan territory. The fact that he spends his days in Tibetan territory was no choice of his own. One day someone drew a line saying this was Tibet and that was China and Père Nussbaum had the good or bad fortune to find himself a French missionary in the Land of the Lamas and apparently in the Land of the Lamas there is room for only one religion—that is Lamaism.

The Tibetan authorities in Tsakaloteaka (salt mouth), are quite determined to make life and all that it involves impossible for this French priest. And the Tibetans have many and varied ways of doing this. It is true that man shall not live by bread alone and it is equally true that he must have some water to drink or to wash his face; so the Tibetans are resorting to ways and means of stopping the supply of bread and cutting off the water supply. Père Nussbaum is alone and he can't fight the whole Tibetan army nor can he defy the Lhasa government.

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He has written frequent letters to the Bishop here in Tachienlu saying he is quite unable to stand it any longer and he fears he may have to give it up. To steal a man's boots is one thing, to cut off his water supply is another, to do both is inclined to make life almost intolerable. And Père Nussbaum is not the priest to take things lying down. The Tibetans have made numerous attempts to cut off and scatter his little flock and if this is done it will leave him with very little apart from his pipe and his tobacco.

Père Nussbaum will tolerate his water being cut off, his grain being confiscated and his supply of salt being cut down but he will permit no interference with his little flock: this touches his very life-blood and he is prepared to resist while he has strength. The Tibetan magistrate on occasion forbid the Tibetans going anywhere near the foreign mission.

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Dr. Bare, a young American doctor, suffers in exactly the same way. He spends his days and sometimes his nights attending the sick along the valley of the Mekong. Some Tibetan has a serious gun wound. Dr. Bare spends time, energy and medicine and pulls the woolly nomad back to life. When he is all cleaned up and healed he offers the doctor five or ten cents worth of salt. Fortunately Dr. Bare has a keen sense of humour so enjoys the joke and attends to his next case.

There is some evidence to show that there is a difference in the Tibetan magistrates who come to Tsakalo. The present magistrate is showing himself friendly and paid a visit to the American doctor. These Tibetan officials come directly from Lhasa and no doubt represent the policy of the Tibetan Government, which in part is a Lama Government, and therefore anti-everything that would in any way interfere with the Lama hierarchy and the widespread influence of Lamaism.

Dr. Bare, Père Nussbaum, Mr. Newland and Mrs. Grubb are more or less connected with this little "pocket" and the difficulty is something like this—they are in Tibetan country with a Chinese passport and the Tibetans in no way reciprocate or appreciate their presence and no doubt, for some reasons, would like to see them go. The point which Père Nussbaum and Dr. Bare make is, if they take a holiday by the seaside their chances of re-entering Lamaland would be very small; so they are going on the principle that "A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush."

The point remains: will the Lhasa government issue a permit allowing French and Americans to reside in Lhasa-controlled territory?

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Karma Trinlas reminds us that Tibetans may please themselves and travel all over India, Burma, and China and all over the world, provided they secure a proper passport, which for a Tibetan would not be difficult to get. Tibetans at the present time are travelling in different parts of the Chinese Republic, Burma, Assam and in different parts of India. It seems a strange anomaly that while Dr. Bare and Père Nussbaum were being harassed by the Tibetan authorities in the Mekong Valley the Lhasa Government should be entertaining a number of Europeans in the sacred capital among whom were Mr. Gould and Mr. Spencer Chapman, the well-known Arctic explorer.

The latest news from Yenching reports that the Lhasa authorities are prepared to confiscate or destroy the property of any Tibetans who in any way connect themselves with Père Nussbaum or Dr. Bare. Dr. Bare lives in a rented house so his position is not quite so precarious, but Père Nussbaum holds property in the name of the Catholic Church and this the Tibetan authorities are threatening to confiscate.

The Lhasa authorities are certainly not giving the Frenchman or the American domiciled in their country anything of a sporting chance. Yenching on the right bank of the Yangtze is 3,000 miles from the Coast. A policy of conciliation is no doubt wiser and in the long run probably safer, but in the meantime these two brave fellows are determined to maintain their position.

## *Wisdom from the Weeklies*

**Empire Problems** Lord Hailey has emphasized the need for closer Parliamentary control of colonial and imperial administration of Africa, states the "Spectator." He proposes that a standing committee of Parliament on African affairs should be set up, and an African Bureau and an African Research Fund should be established. The point of his proposals is that without permanent and reliable non-official sources of information neither Parliament nor the public can exercise efficient control and criticism. It is interesting that an exceptionally able administrator, Mr. Ernest Bevin, just returned from a tour of the Empire, has come to a similar conclusion. In a statement he speaks of the "dictatorship" of the Colonial Office over 66,000,000 native and voteless people. Many will object to the term; yet it is effectively responsible to properly informed Parliamentary and public opinion.

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**War Against Tuberculosis** Press forecasts of Mr. Morrison's new Milk Bill hint at plans to restrict the movement of cattle which have failed to pass or have not been submitted to the test, intimates "Truth." Any measure which helps to wipe out bovine tuberculosis is to be welcomed, and few responsible dairy farmers, will disagree. Whether or not the danger from the disease has (as some claim) been exaggerated, it remains that even the soberest estimate of its ravages is serious enough, particularly in its effect on children. It is unarguable that every child would be better for drinking milk from a healthy cow, and that is the ideal to be aimed at. The method so far adopted towards the dairy industry has been rather to reward the virtuous than to penalize the less scrupulous. Premiums on high-grade milk encourage farmers to keep tested herds. Yet, though their motive has not been pure altruism, it must not be forgotten that these farmers have had to make sacrifices to produce a high-grade article. Large expenditure has often been necessary on alterations to byres. Reacting cows have been slaughtered or sold at a heavy loss. If all herds are eventually brought up to their standard the pioneers ought not to be deprived of their privileges. There is a fear among producers that the more widespread the test becomes the lower will be the bonus on milk produced under its conditions.

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**Ministry Of Supply** The case for a Ministry of Supply, as against a Minister for the Co-ordination of Defence (without an effective department, and without adequate executive powers, is simply overwhelming, points out "Time and Tide." It has been supported not only by Lord Swinto, Lord Milne and Lord Trenchard, but by businessmen of the calibre of Sir Auckland Geddes and Sir Alexander Rober. And the Secretary of State for War himself, in a recent speech at Cardiff, said: "To obtain an appreciable acceleration, or an appreciable enlargement within the given time of our rearmament programme, it would be necessary to revive our wartime method under which every other considerations subordinate to this. A Ministry of Munitions, to be effective, must have full powers to allot orders, to assign priorities, to control the supply of materials, and to make arrangements for diversions of skilled labour." In no other way can we hope successfully to compete with the superb military and industrial organization of the totalitarian states. Precisely the same arguments apply in the case of civilian defence. And the most disheartening thing about the appointment of Sir John Anderson is that he is apparently to be given no more executive authority than Sir Thomas Inskip. What is required in this field is first of all a compulsory national register, and the compulsory training of young men of all classes, not necessarily in military service, but in jobs for which, both from their own point of view and from the national point of view, they are best suited; secondly, the provisions not only of blast-proof, but of bomb-proof shelters for the greater part of our industrial population. This is a tremendous undertaking, which nothing less than a well-staffed Ministry, with adequate powers, can ever hope to discharge.

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**The L.C.C.'s Lambeth Walk** Four and a-half years ago the London County Council declared that a scheme for the south bank of the Thames in Central London was long overdue, says the "Economist." Recently the Council moved one step nearer to the realization of a river-bordered open space at Lambeth Walk thereby deciding to obtain powers of compulsory purchse from Parliament. Already practically all the area bounded by the river, Westminster Bridge Road, the Southern Railway and Waterloo Road, has been acquired, including the Red Lion Brewery, the ancient shot tower and many wharves but not the property of Jesus College, Oxford. It is necessary that all the area should be in one ownership, if it is to be properly redeveloped; and it is just, as well as expedient, that the whole of the betterment that will accrew to the property should go to offset the cost of the improvement that will have caused it. The net cost of extending the present promenade in front of County Hall to beyond Waterloo Bridge, of realigning and widening roads, and indeed of making the South Bank a delight to the eye and a credit to London, is estimated at £1,629,000, of which property will cost in all £610,000, rehousing £194,000 and works £825,000. But this figure takes no account of the surplus lands that will remain in the Council's hands on the completion of the scheme. It may indeed prove virtually self-financing in the long run, as did that other great improvement, the driving of Kingsway through the slums of Clare Market, from which the Council now derives rents of £146,000 a year in return for a net capital cost of £4¼ millions. Some critics maintain that the present is no time to beautify London. But it is perhaps a barren pessimism that would deny Londoners a beautiful city and the money to enjoy it because of the grim need for underground shelters.

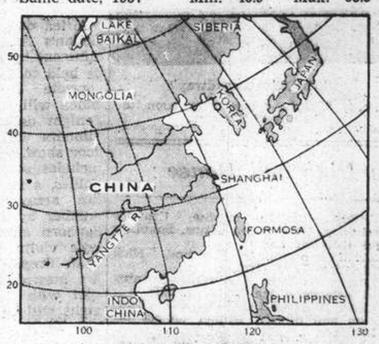
## THE WEATHER

Temperature near Holy Trinity Cathedral Shanghai 24 hours ending 7 p.m.:—

Yesterday Min. 46.5 Max. 56.0
Same date, Min. 50.0 Max. 67.0
Rainfall .04

Temperature at Siccawei:—

Yesterday Min., 47.1 Max. 60.3
Same date, 1937 Min. 46.9 Max. 68.5




**Siccawei's Report**

State on the morning of the 16th:—Unsteady pressures over China. Depressions over Shantung and our regions, moving East and North-Eastward. Overcast weather with snow and variable winds in the North; rainy with winds veering to the North-West over our regions. Overcast with showers at sea.

State on the morning of the 17th:—Unsteady pressures over China. Depression over the Sea of Japan. Low area to the South of Luzon.

Probabilities, 4.30 p.m. yesterday:—Fine weather with rather fresh winds from the North-Western quadrant over Northern China. Overcast with possible rain and variable breezes over Central China, from the Northern quadrant and freshening over our regions. Overcast to cloudy and North-Westerly to North-Easterly winds along the Coast and at sea.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

TO ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY

*In memory of Mr. H. Browett:—*

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| Mr. and Mrs. M. Reader Harris | $10.00 |
| Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Reed | $10.00 |

TO THE PROVIDENCE ORPHANAGE ST. JOSEPHE'S CONVENT

*In memory of Mr. H. Browett:—*

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| Mr. and Mrs. T. Sands | $10.00 |
| William S. H. Hung | $ 2.00 |

# Huge U.S. Drug Firm Scandal Exposed

**Suicide of President of McKesson & Robbins Inc. Lays Bare Forty Years of Criminal Operations By Brothers Masquerading as Businessmen**

New York, Dec. 16.

THE suicide of Mr. F. Donald Coster, President of McKesson & Robbins Inc., 105-year-old drug and liquor concern and the third largest drug firm in the world, ended one of the most remarkable swindling careers in history and revealed today how an Italian immigrant family, which began fantastic criminal exploits by smuggling cheese early this century, would again enter the records of the criminal courts in connection with the biggest financial coup of its kind in the United States.

By putting an end to his life, Mr. Coster closed a career which, for the first twenty years he devoted to brilliantly daring swindling exploits under his real name of Philip Musica, and for the second twenty years he appeared as a mild-mannered and apparently conservative businessman. In taking his life rather than face the Federal Grand Jury and explain an alleged shortage of U.S.$18,-000,000 in the firm's listed assets, Coster gave Federal agents clues which led to the revelation that three other members of the firm, who also are to face a Federal inquiry, are his brothers.

With the unmasking of Donald Coster as a swindler it was learned that his three close associates, George Dietrich, George Vernard and Robert Dietrich, assistant treasurer, respectively Canadian representative and production manager of Messrs. McKesson & Robbins, are in reality the younger brothers of Philip Musica, alias Donald Coster, and their names respectively are George, Arthur and Robert Musica.

All three were held on bail of US$100,000 each. The faked birth certificates of the brothers were discovered on file at Washington.

**Federal Records Missing**

Other sensational developments in the strangest case since the cracking of the Kreuger match scandal revealed that: rcords of the activities of the Musica family were missing from Federal files at New York; the Department of Agriculture disclosed the firm had been cited for drug adulteration; Washington officials advised that Coster had connections with a former southern Congressman and a group of Connecticut politicians, who were being scrutinized, and the activities of the Musicas as possible arms smugglers were under investigation.

One of the sisters of Philip Musica was revealed as Mrs. Robert Guex, wife of the gardener employed at the home of U.S. Secretary of the Treasurer, Mr. Henry Morgenthau, at his home at Fishkill, N.Y., The housekeeper of the Morgenthau home confirmed that Mrs. Guex had lived there for "several years."

**Payments to Congressmen**

A responsible Government official said that a preliminary investigation had indicated that the politicians under investigation were not involved in any wrong doing.

It was learned that the drug firm had made alleged payments to a Congressman to make addresses in Congress bearing on the retail drug legislation.

The death of Donald Coster and the revelation of the masquerading of his brothers under assumed names followed in the wake of amazing developments of a week following the filing of a voluntary petition for reorganization on December 8.

With directors of the firm clamouring for the resignation of Coster and George Dietrich because their names were linked with a court suit over the disappearance of US$10,000,000 of the company's assets, Federal agents arrested them December 14 on charges of violating the Federal Securities Act.

They posted bonds that they would appear in New York and were allowed to remain in Coster's Fairfield, Connecticut, home.

**Revelations Bring Suicide**

Federal agents, however, announced yesterday that their records revealed Coster to be a man different in identity and known to them. This revelation was believed to have worried Coster.

He shot himself in his bathroom shortly after noon today. He had been drinking steadily since 10 a.m. because he was depressed, it was learned.

His brother-in-law, Mr. Leonard Jenkins, was taking a cocktail to Coster when he heard the shot. He rushed to the bathroom and found his brother-in-law lying dead.

His widow, Carol, moaned when told that her husband had committed suicide. "Why did he do it?" she asked. "He should have faced it. He had been through it once."

Samuel Rich, counsel for Coster, was in the living room with George Dietrich when Coster shot himself.

He told reporters he found Coster lying on the floor of the bathroom with a bullet hole in his right ear and revolver in his right hand.

The official medical examiner, Dr. Stanton R. Smith, was at once summoned and he officially pronounced that Coster had committed suicide.

**Vernard Arrested**

Meanwhile, Department of Justice officials rushed to Brooklyn following reports that Vernard's car was being loaded with baggage, apparently in an attempt at flight. Vernard was arrested by the agents upon their arrival at his home.

George Musica, who as assistant treasurer of Messrs. McKesson & Robbins and known as George Dietrich, was arraigned late today at New Haven, Conn., before Mr. Robert Alcorn, United States Commissioner, on a four-count bench warrant charging him with violation of the Securities Exchange Act.

He was held in default of US$100,-000 bail pending his transfer to the District Federal Court at New York.

He refused to make a statement to the press, but permitted news photographers to snap pictures of him.

"Take all you want, boys," he shouted at the cameramen who surrounded him as he was led away from the questioning by the U.S. Commissioner.

**"Vernard" Identified**

It was learned that Miss Eleanor Lockne, a secretary employed by the firm, had identified Vernard as Arthur Musica, while associates in Bridgeport, Connecticut, identified Dietrich as George Musica. Miss Lockne said

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# "Self Help" Scheme For Lancashire

**Cotton Joint Board To Submit Schemes To Board of Trade**

London, Dec. 17.

A "Self Help" scheme, whereby it is proposed to reorganize Lancashire's cotton industry, and strengthen its competitive power overseas, is being launched in revised form by a Joint Committee of cotton trade organizations, which is meeting at Manchester.

It is proposed to appoint a Cotton Industry Board, consisting of a chairman, and fourteen other members, of which the chairman and two other members must be independent, and must relinquish any financial interest they may have in the industry.

The Board would review schemes submitted by the trade, and submit them for approval to the Board of Trade.

After being laid before Parliament, such schemes, unless they were rejected, would be given statutory force.

The maximum expenditure provided for rises in three years from £60,000 to £150,000 sterling, the funds to be used in order to facilitate the Board's work.

A draft of the Committee's scheme will be submitted to 4,000 firms for approval early next week, and if approved would be made the basis for a Bill, which, it is hoped, would become law before the next Budget.—Reuter.

# France Still Refuses Burgos' Claim

**Stand by London Agreement Announced**

Paris, Dec. 17.

M. Pierre Laval, former Premier and Minister of Foreign Affairs, raised the question of General Franco's claim to belligerent rights, in the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Senate yesterday.

In reply, M. Georges Bonnet, the Foreign Minister, asserted that the Government stood by the London Agreement, which provided that such rights should only be granted under conditions which had not yet been fulfilled.

Subsequent discussion on the subject suggested that, while some members favoured the appointment of an agent at Burgos, the Committee opposed any solution which, as one member said, "would give to Italy the keys of the Mediterranean."—Reuter.

# Shortage of Servants Acute in Reich

**No Decree of Recall Issued But Girls Urged to Return**

London, Dec. 17.

The apparent discrepancy between the information in London, regarding the recall of Austrian and German servant girls, and the official lack of confirmation in Berlin is explained in German circles in London by the absence of an actual decree on such a recall.

It is maintained that there is an acute shortage of servant girls in Germany, and that efforts are constantly being made to bring domestics back from other countries.

Present efforts to recall large numbers within the next four months are said to refer, in particular, to those who may be unemployed or changing situations, in which case they are "strongly urged" not to seek re-employment.—Reuter.

# Anti-Japanese Parades Off in Manchester

**Chief Constable Voices Objections, Bans Processions**

London, Dec. 17.

The proposed "Boycott Japan" parades which were to have taken place today are not to be held after all, as arranged, states the "Manchester Guardian."

They are to be held in a limited form, however, the journal declares.

Leaflets are to be distributed, it is stated.

The routes originally suggested by the organizers of the parades, the journal declares, were rejected by the Chief Constable as being unsuitable.

The organizer declared that he took care to plan the routes so as to avoid times and places which he was requested to avoid by the Chief Constable.

He expressed suprise at the Chief Constable's prohibition.—Reuter.

# Anglo-German Trade Parleys Break Down

**Dr. Schacht's Terms For Jewish Problem, Commerce, Too Stiff**

London, Dec. 17.

Failing in his efforts to secure a trade agreement with Britain and a settlement of the Jewish refugee problem during his three-day visit here, Dr. Hialmar Schacht, President of the Reichsbank and former German Finance Minister, was expected to return to Berlin today.

During his brief stay in London, Dr. Schacht held several important conference with such financial powers as Mr. Montagu Norman, Governor of the Bank of England; Sir John Simon, Chancellor of the Exchequer; Sir Frederick Leith-Ross, Chief Economic Adviser to the Government; Mr. Oliver Stanley, President of the Board of Trade; Lord Winterton, President of the Refugee Committee; and Mr. George Rublee, Director of the Inter-Governmental Refugees Office here.

When he saw Dr. Schacht yesterday, Mr. Stanley is understood to have explained the significance of his speech when he declared that Britain was ready to enter parleys aiming at a trade agreement with the Reich.

**German Conditions Stated**

Dr. Schacht then suggested, well-informed quarters added, that Anglo-German negotiations aim rather at a settlement of the short-term credits problem first. Then a general agreement could be reached. He failed to obtain the support of the British leaders for the proposal.

Dealing with Jewish emigration from Germany, Dr. Schacht told Lord Winterton and Mr. Rublee this afternoon that the Reich was ready to enter bilateral negotiations with each of the 32 nations who were represented at the recent Evian Conference.

The basis for such negotiations would have to be: that each of the countries receiving emigrants would agree to increase imports of German goods in proportion to the property that Jewish refugees would be allowed to take out of Germany with them.

Upon receiving full details of the Reich's proposition, it is understood that the British authorities and the Refugee Office officials deemed the scheme inacceptable and instead decided to forward counter-proposals to Berlin. These, Dr. Schacht is now taking to Germany.

**Counter-Proposals Made**

These counter-proposals provide that German commercial legislation should become more elastic while the Reich should also make a contribution towards facilitating Jewish emigration by forming a special fund.

Funds would be furnished not only by an increase in foreign exports, the counter scheme foresees, but also by a parallel increase in German exports and German imports from the immigration countries. The Reich's Government would also be asked to give up part of their sterling credits to be provided by a clearing agreement.

Well-informed quarters believed that Germany was unlikely to accept these proposals but there appears no hope for a settlement through the British authorities' or the Refugee Committee's yielding to Dr. Schacht's original plan.—Havas.

# Voortrekker Celebration Rally 200,000

**Messages Sent by Queen Wilhelmina, Mr. MacDonald**

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

Voortrekkerstad, Dec. 17.

The four-day Voortrekker Centenary celebrations reached a climax in this Pretoria town yesterday, when the foundation stone of the Memorial to commemorate the Great Trek of 1836—when Dutch settlers left the Cape to escape British rule—was laid here by three women descendants of Voortrekker leaders.

Two-hundred thousand people participated in the ceremony.

Messages from Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands, and Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, Secretary of State for the Dominions and Colonies, on behalf of the Netherlands and the United Kingdom, respectively, were read.

Queen Wilhelmina's message expressed the hope that the celebrations would give new ties to old bonds, while that of Mr. MacDonald expressed admiration for the courage and endurance displayed by the Voortrekkers in their historic enterprise.—Reuter.

**King George Pays Tribute**

Pretoria, Dec. 17.

Among the messages read at today's Voortrekker celebration was one from King George, paying tribute to the "fine spirit" of the Voortrekkers, and expressing the view that the same spirit of faith and courage will carry the people of South Africa through the years lying before them.—Reuter

**Britain's Largest Aircraft Carrier**

*A view from the flight deck of H.M.S. Ark Royal, Britain's largest aircraft carrier at Portsmouth. She was built by Messrs. Cammel Laird at Birkenhead and took three years to complete, giving work to 2,500 men.*

# Credits to China Show U.S. Attitude is Hardening

**Significance of New Moves Commented Upon By London Journals; Chungking Rejoices**

London, Dec. 17.

THE Washington correspondent of "The Times" states that the signs are multiplying of a hardening directive in the foreign policy of the United States. Among other things, the announcement of $25,000,000 worth of credit to the China Trading Group, incorporated under the laws of New York State, is taken as having much significance.

It must be remembered, "The Times" correspondent declares, that evidence of the nature of Japan's operations in China and Manchoukuo has accumulated in such a way that the finding against Japan of injury to American trade by discrimination, with all its retaliatory implications, is inescapable.

In face of this fact, the intervention of the American Government, as represented by the decision to extend credit is of major importance, he declares.

Full account is taken in Washington of the "moral support" which this offers to the much harassed Chinese, the correspondent continues, despite the insistence of the State Department that the transaction represents no more than the extension of credit by another Government agency to an American business for the normal conduct of its affairs.—Reuter.

**Economic War Seen**

London, Dec. 17.

Imminent economic war in East Asia where Japan is endeavouring to form an economic bloc comprising herself, China and Manchoukuo is predicted by the diplomatic editor of the "Daily Herald" this morning.

"British business men in China," the paper writes, "are becoming more and more alarmed at the insistence with which they are being ousted from every form of economic activity in that country. Many amongst them are urging the Government to take retaliatory action before it is too late." "The Herald" registers with satisfaction that both Great Britain and the U.S.A. are beginning to react to the increasing Japanese menace to their China trade. The "Reconstruction Finance Corporation, it points out, has just authorized a loan of $25,000,000 to improve American trade with China, while a week ago, the British Government made known their intention of creating a special fund of £10,000,000 with a view of guaranteeing exports to friendly countries. "It is understood," the paper adds, "that part of this fund will be used to guarantee certain transactions with China."—Havas.

**Chinese Encouraged**

Chungking, Dec. 17.

Reports that China has obtained credits amounting to £10,000,000 sterling from Great Britain, and U.S.$25,000,000 from America are given prominence under banner headlines in today's Chinese newspapers.

The Chinese press also publishes leading articles commenting on the subject, the general tone of which is to declare:—

Firstly, that when the Powers give material assistance to China at the present "very critical" moment, no matter what the amount is, big or small, such assistance will give the greatest encouragement to the Chinese people;

Secondly, these financial credits offer excellent proof of Sino-British and Sino-American friendship, "which will be appreciated by the Chinese to a degree far exceeding the actual monetary value of such assistance";

Thirdly, China will honour her obligations—China has been able to exist for over 5,000 years, principally due to her traditional sense of integrity, and no matter how difficult China's financial position, she will not "let her friends down"; furthermore, China has unlimited resources, and possesses a great power of recovery;

Fourthly, while this assistance is commercial in nature, its political significance cannot be overestimated, for it is undeniable that the credits granted will help China to resist the Japanese invasion, thereby safeguarding the position and interests of the Powers in China; and

Fifthly, undoubtedly these loans will cause violent repercussions in Japan, but the Powers need not fear Japan's "intimidations," as China is strong enough to shatter Japan's imperialistic dreams.—Reuter.

**To Buy Trucks and Oil**

San Francisco, Dec. 16.

A Washington dispatch said today that Mr. K. P. Chen, head of the Chinese Financial Mission which has successfully obtained credits amounting to U.S.$25,000,000, declared that most of the American loan would be devoted to the purchase of trucks and gasoline.

He said a substantial portion of the contracts for trucks will be placed with the General Motors Corporation. He indicated the initial contracts will be placed within the immediate future.

Mr. Chen also emphasized that the trucks will be operated on highways for purposes of transportation and that the credits will not be used for military purposes.

The purchases will be made by the Universal Trading Corporation, which is incorporated in New York, he said. The Universal Trading Corporation is composed of Chinese stockholders headed by Mr. T. M. Hsi, a member of the Chinese Financial Mission.

The Export-Import Bank will extend the credits to the Universal Trading Corporation under a guarantee from the Bank of China. The credits will mature over a period of five years.—United Press.

# Holder of Czar's Throne Denies Paris Report about "Ukraine Fuehrer"

**Grand Duke Vladimir Astonished by Extraordinary Story; Visit to Germany Purely Private Affair**

Paris, Dec. 17.

An emphatic denial that Herr Hitler planned to persuade him to become the "Fuehrer of the Ukraine" was issued last night by Grand Duke Vladimir, 21-year-old Holder of the Throne of the Czar of All the Russias.

"I was astonished to see my name connected with the question of negotiation concerning the Ukraine," declared the Grand Duke in commenting on the statement, which was made by Mme. Genevieve Tabouis, political editor of L'Œuvre," who wrote that a meeting had been arranged between the Grand Duke and Herr Hitler.

"It is true that I am going to Germany," the Grand Duke added, "but I will only stay for Christmas and the New Year with my sister at Amorbach."

Another statement issued on his behalf denied that his visit to Germany was in any way political, and stated that the Grand Duke had never been asked, either directly or indirectly, to lend his name to a political act aimed at dismemberment of the Russian Empire. He would never approve of plans of this nature, the statement emphasized.

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In a report that the Grand Duke was leaving Paris next week for Berlin, Mme. Tabouis stated that "in Berlin, it is said, Herr Hitler plans to persuade the Grand Duke to become the Fuehrer of the Ukraine."

She added that the number of White Russian officers in Berlin had increased in recent months, and had formed a kind of "Hitlerian Brigade," under General Bushupsky.

Mme. Tabouis also mentioned current reports that a special German mission was to be sent to Chust, the capital of Ruthenia, and that it was to be reinforced by German military propagandists and economic specialists.—Reuter.

# Smallpox Virus for China

**Sending 4,000,000 Doses via Indo-China**

Geneva, Dec. 17.

The Secretariat of the League of Nations has procured, at the expense of the League, 4,000,000 doses of vaccine against smallpox, which will be sent to China as the result of the intimation, by the Chinese Government, of an urgent need for the virus.

The vaccine will be sent from Indo-China to China as quickly as possible.—Reuter.

Paris, Dec. 16.

The Red Crescent organization in Ankara has sent 1,000,000 doses of anti-cholera vaccine to the Chinese Red Cross.—Havas.

# Indian Defence Post Instituted

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

New Delhi, Dec. 17.

A new post of Secretary of Defence co-ordination is announced. Mr. D. E. C. Williams, of the Indian Civil Service, has been appointed to fill the post. He will be attached to the Secretariat of the Governor-General.—Reuter.

***Christmas Supplement***

Today's "North-China Daily News" brings with it our Christmas Magazine Supplement of 36 pages. The coloured sketch on the cover, by Mrs. E. G. Byrne, was drawn from life in front of the office, 17 The Bund. The contents include our usual Sunday pictorial features, two full page cartoons by Lynd, and a number of short stories. The advertisements, which speak for themselves, suggest new and recall old ideas for Christmas presents, provide a programme of Shanghai's entertainments, and are a guide to where the best of wines and provisions may be purchased. The Supplement is issued gratis with today's newspaper.

# Paris Sees Signs Of New Storm

**Germany and Japan Believed About to Face Soviet Russia**

Paris, Dec. 17.

The belief that Germany and Japan are attempting to improve their respective economic positions prior to embarking upon joint action against the U.S.S.R., is entertained in diplomatic as well as in financial circles here, where more than a coincidence is seen in the simultaneity of two facts of equally momentous significance, the one being Dr. Hjalmar Schacht's present efforts in London to secure a trade agreement with Britain, and the second being the present lull in the Japanese operations on the Asiatic mainland.

The pause in Japan's drive into China, well-informed observers of Far-Eastern affairs opine, was decided in full accord with Berlin, and is undoubtedly due to financial and economic difficulties being experienced by the Island Power for the time being.

**"Violent Reactions"**

On the other hand, Dr. Schacht intimated that "violent reactions" would occur in the international field should the Reich be denied her much needed increase in foreign trade aimed at obtaining foreign currency, the need of which is badly felt by German economy. The German Propaganda Minister, Dr. Joseph Goebbels' recent speech on the subject of the "lack of space" is considered significant of Berlin's ambitions eastward.

Fear is being expressed in the same quarters, however, that a stabilization, even a temporary one, of the Far-Eastern fronts would give Japan an opportunity for preparing jointly with the Reich for a broad-scale action against the Soviet Union.—Havas.

# Soviet-Japanese Parleys Again Deadlocked

**M. Litvinoff Displays "Strong Attitude"**

Tokyo, Dec. 17.

Russo-Japanese discussions in Moscow over renewal of the Japanese fishery contracts in the Soviet's northern Pacific waters are deadlocked, according to Japanese dispatches.

M. Maxim Litvinoff, the Soviet Foreign Commissar, it is stated, displayed a "strong attitude" when the Japanese Ambassador in Moscow, Mr. Shigenori Togo, sounded him out on Tuesday on the Japanese request for a definite reply from the Soviet by December 20.

As a result of this attitude, no progress has been made and there is no prospect in sight of a settlement, the reports state.—Reuter.

# Ex-King Will Return To Spain If Asked

London, Dec. 17.

In a talk with the secretary of ex-King Alfonso XIII of Spain, over the continental telephone yesterday, Reuter asked: "Will the King return to Spain should he be asked to do so by the Burgos Government?" The reply was: "Of course, but he has not yet been asked."—Reuter.

# Brenan Piece Barricaded

**Italian Marine Patrol Fired Upon from Lane; 2 Policemen Disarmed; Coolie Shot by Japanese**

IN a firm attempt to curtail any further armed crimes on Settlement Roads surrounded by Japanese occupied territory and in particular the vicinity of Brenan Piece, P.W.D. vans were kept busy from 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon until a late hour of the evening erecting barbed wire barricades everywhere where these territories gave access to municipal roads. Hundreds of knife-edged barbed-wire barricades were placed at all alley-entrances and smaller roads whilst with the approach of darkness police parties commenced searching pedestrians on municipal roads in an effort to apprehend armed gangsters who have been busy in the district ever since the hostilities first move away from Shanghai.

Police parties were mainly busy along Brenan and Kinnear Roads whilst Italian troops were understood to be patrolling Jessfield Road which forms part of their defence sector.

Earlier in the afternoon, at about 3.10 o'clock, a small Italian patrol which had just engaged in Lane 174 Brenan Road on a routine patrol duty, is understood to have been fired upon from a house. Immediately reinforcements were rushed up and thrown around the lane, a number of Italian officers and officials from Bubbling Well Police station searching for suspects in the various houses and attempting to find the used cartridge case. Whilst this was not found, at least one suspect who had been running in one of the alleyways when the patrol consisting of an officer and four men, was passing, was apprehended and is at present being questioned. He claims to be a workman in one of the factories in the lane and is understood to have told investigating officers that he knew nothing.

A high police official questioned in the later part of the afternoon, with regard to the increase in armed crime in the vicinity of Brenan Piece, said that the police were taking an increasingly serious view of the situation as between 30 and 40 armed robberies had been committed within the last month as compared to the three or four that were the average there prior to hostilities. In view of the fact, however, that the territories do not fall under the jurisdiction of the Council, the police were only in a position to patrol the extra-Settlement roads which give only very limited scope for their work.

**Big Gang Responsible**

The armed gangs operating in the district, are believed to be numerous, although ballistic evidence goes to prove that one big gang in particular is responsible for the majority of crimes committed in the district in recent weeks. It has been found that besides pistols, rifles are also in the possession of the criminals, who appear to be well supplied with arms and who seem to feel quite safe in Japanese controlled territory inasmuch as that only a small number of Ta Tao policemen are armed, the remainder carrying batons only.

Evidently the large number of gambling dens in the vicinity of the area, is to a great extent responsible for the increase in armed crime there. Cars have repeatedly been held up by armed gangsters and the occupants robbed of everything, whilst inter-gang jealousies are also responsible for a great number of crimes.

Police gave particular attention yesterday evening and during the early morning hours, to the vicinity of Lane 174, Brenan Road, as it is this spot that various crimes were committed during the past few weeks.

Thus for instance the two C.P.C.s who were disarmed on Brenan Road early yesterday morning, encountered the numerically very much superior criminals at that spot, whilst in the early morning hours of December 14, a police party was shot upon at the same point, although no one was injured.

The Reserve Unit also took part in last night's searches, having since a considerable time been performing flying patrols in the district during the night. Last night, however, they were searching all pedestrians and it was expected that the element of surprise in the measures taken, would with all probability yield some results.

**Crime Area Wired Off**

The barricades placed along Jessfield Road from Kinnear Road to Brenan Road and then from Brenan to Kinnear Roads, thus enclaving what is believed to be the heart of the crime ridden area, extend over a distance of several miles and make it impossible for anyone either to approach or leave Brenan Piece. It could not be learned last night for how long these barricades were to remain there but it was presumed that they would not be moved for at least two or three days.

Although preparations for last night's activity of the police, has been under way for the past number of days, the various incidents occurring since Friday, seem to have been responsible for the speed and efficiency with which the various police parties performed their duties in the district last night.

Before daybreak yesterday, a coolie who was pulling a cart loaded with old iron bed-steads, was shot at and killed by Japanese sentries at the corner of Tungsing and Keswick Roads after he had not used the road, crossing barbed wire defences which separated the Japanese occupied territory from the British sector. The victim whose name was given as Tsang Kuo-tsai, 39, was rushed to the Red Cross hospital on Avenue Haig but was found to have died on the way. It is understood that British and Japanese military authorities are at present investigating the incident as statements of what actually happened at the time are

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# Latest Exchange

The closing Interbank selling rates yesterday were as follows:

Sterling 8 5/16d. U.S.$ 16 5/16c.

LONDON METALS AND N.Y. CROSS RATE

London, Dec. 17.

Silver prices were fixed slightly higher today, with both positions showing an advance of 1/16d. from yesterday.

| | Dec. 16 | Dec. 17 |
|---|---|---|
| London spot | 19 13/16d. | 20d. |
| " forward | 19 7/16d. | 19 3/8d. |
| " gold | 148/8 1/2d. | 148/11d. |
| London/New York: | | |
| One pound U.S.$4.6753 | | $4.6731 |
| One U.S. dollar 51.333d. | | 51.357d. |

—Reuter.

# Chinese Adopting New Tactics

**"Entire Area" Scheme May Baffle Japanese; Success Claimed in Shansi**

Chungking, Dec. 17.

"Japan's adventure in China will meet with a similar fate to that of Napoleon at Moscow," declared General Pai Chung-hsi, Deputy Chief of the General Staff of the Chinese Army, in an interview with Reuter's correspondent here today.

Explaining China's new tactics, known in Chinese as *"Chuan Mien Chan Shu,"* or "Entire Area Tactics," the General stated that hitherto, in the Shanghai, Hsuchow, Taierchwang and Hankow fighting, the Chinese had practised positional warfare, and also "regular warfare" tactics, but that from now on the Chinese army will adopt a new type of strategy.

General Pai emphasized that the "Entire Area" tactics will not be limited by rear or front, east, west, south or north. The Chinese, he declared, will not fight for possession of a point or line, but will seek control of an entire area.

**Tactics Successful**

In practice, such tactics were similar to those employed during the present fighting in Shansi, where, "if the Japanese push southwards, the Chinese forces will move northwards, whereas if the Japanese push westward, the Chinese will move eastward."

The success of such tactics, the General went on, had been demonstrated by the fact that six Japanese divisions were at present stationed in Shansi, "but are unable to control the province."

The Japanese forces have so far succeeded in occupying only a few points over large areas, he claimed. For example, they held only Tsingtao, Tsinan and Tsining in Shantung province, and Wuhu, Anking, Hofei and Pengpu in Anhwei province.

The Japanese, General Pai declared, must station troops at widely scattered points in China, thereby restricting their movement; whereas the Chinese army, from now on, would strike wherever they liked.

The general, in conclusion, stated that the Chinese troops still occupy sections of the Peiping-Hankow Railway, between Chengchow and Sinyang.—Reuter.

**Soviet Influence Increased**

Tokyo, Dec. 17.

Conversion of the north-western provinces of China, including Shensi and Kansu, into a "Soviet armed camp" was reported in a dispatch reaching here today from Sinchiachwang.

Quoting a reliable source, the message said officials of the Chiang Kai-shek régime had admitted that Soviet assistance to China was increasing.

The message said 100 Soviet sharpshooters, 26 heavy guns, tractors and 20 motor lorries of Soviet make arrived at Hwaiyin, west of Tungkwan in Shensi province, from Sian, capital of Shensi, on November 26.

During the early part of November many Soviet surveyors were reported to have arrived in Sian and surveyed districts there in preparation for construction of the so-called "red route" between Paoki in western Shensi and Lanchow, capital of Kansu.

Soviet planes piloted by Soviet airmen have flown into Kansu from Russian territory and marks on them were changed to Chinese Nationalist emblems at Lanchow, the message further claimed.

**Soviet Soldiers Seen**

Fully armed Soviet soldiers were said to have been seen outside the walled city of Lanchow during November.

The message added that 130 Soviet-made motor lorries and other types of vehicles operated by Russians are now in Lanchow.

Following the fall of Hankow and Canton the number of Russians in the district was said to have increased to 600 in November. In October there were 50, the message stated.

Soviet army officers are arriving in Lanchow by air in increasing numbers while arms and ammunition were being received at Urumchi and then transported to Lanchow, the dispatch asserted.

A road between these two cities was repaired recently, according to the message.

A 24-passenger motor bus operates between Sian and Lanchow once a day, the message said.

Despite reports that Gen. Chiang Kai-shek had ordered a general offensive to recapture Canton on December 15, no indications of such activities were to be found along the Japanese front lines since Thursday, a dispatch from Canton said today.

Japanese scouting planes, however, were said to have discovered that Chinese troops had energetically destroyed all roads north of a line between Tsungfa and Yuntam. The report said the Chinese were constructing defence works in that area in an attempt to check the Japanese drive northward along the Canton-Hankow Railway.

Chinese reports claim that heavy concentrations of Chinese troops are now moving near Yingtak on the Canton-Hankow Railway.—Domei.

# R.A.F. Plane Crashes

Darwin, Dec. 16.

One of two record-breaking Vickers Wellesley bombers, out of the three, which recently smashed the world's long distance record in a flight from Egypt to Australia, was forced down and damaged when flying here.—Reuter.

# Arabs Plan Demonstration Of Loyalty to Britain

**British Army to Be Thanked for Ridding Holy Land of Lawless Elements; Rebels Fall Back**

Jerusalem, Dec. 17.

THOUSANDS of loyal Arabs are planning a monster demonstration, to be held on a hillside, south of Hebron, on December 18, to express loyalty to the King and to the British Government, together with a public expression of thanks to the British Army for riding Palestine of its lawless elements. Fahbri Bey, acting leader of the Arab Defence Party, who is the leader of the demonstration, said, in an interview with Reuter, that "you will see such a manifestation of loyalty to Great Britain as has not been seen since the British occupation."

Arab buses and taxicabs resumed services yesterday afternoon, for the first time since the transport strike began on November 1. The resumption of service followed the introduction of military permit passes for drivers. It is understood today that a growing number of owners and drivers are applying for permits, following a relaxation of the recent ferrorist pressure.

British troops, supported by aircraft, carried out extensive search operations in Samaria yesterday.

Five villages were surrounded and combed, with the result that a number of suspects were detained.

One British soldier was killed and four injured, when a land mine exploded under a military truck near Nablus.—Reuter.

**Rebels Issue Manifesto**

Jerusalem, Dec. 16.

The situation in the coastal regions of Palestine was notably improved today and traffic is being resumed. In the mountainous hinterland, terrorists still remain the masters.

The rebels' "General Staff" has published a manifesto containing a reply to the speech made by Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, who dealt with the Holy Land problem in the House of Commons.

This manifesto declares that an "Arab-Jewish entente is impossible. The Arabs refuse to consider the Jews as a legal party.

"We will fight Britain's forces, and we are decided to die rather than retreat one step, until the Arab nation of Palestine receives recognition of its rights."

British Army detachments today arrested several suspect terrorists in various regions where searches were being carried out.

**"Serious Epuration"**

British troops also proceeded with "serious epuration" operations along the River Jordan, receiving co-operation from aeroplanes. They inflicted heavy losses upon rebel bands.

Several incidents marked the day despite rigid precautionary measures taken by the authorities.

Two Arab officials were seriously wounded in the Haifa soukhs, while in Nablus, two residents were killed and several others were injured in the course of a clash between the city and country-dwellers of that region.

Extremists assassinated the delegate of Fakhri Nashashibi and seized the document that he was taking to Jerusalem. The paper in question dealt with rebel activities.

Terrorists are agitating in northern Transjordania, hoping eventually to spread uneasiness throughout that country.—Havas.

# France Redoubles Naval Budget

**Building Programme To Be Completed By January 1, 1943**

Paris, Dec. 18.

French naval credits for 1939 will amount to Fr. 8,174,000,000, showing an increase of 76 per cent. upon the 1938 budget figures, according to the report on the Navy Budget which is soon to be read in the Chamber of Deputies by the Speaker, M. Gratien Canadace.

This total sum of Frs. 8,174,000,000, it was remarked in Parliamentary quarters today, will include Frs.2,674,000,000 covered by the ordinary budget (taxation) and Frs.5,500,000,000 to be covered by an extraordinary budget (borrowing).

The increased credits will be provided chiefly with the aim of accelerating the completion of war vessels now in the construction yards.

The ultimate aim is to have all ships laid down in accordance with previous programmes, enter in active service before January 1, 1943.

A decree passed on May 2, this year, provided for the construction of 120,000 tons of war vessels. This figure, is exceptionally high when compared to the average annual construction figure of 43,000 tons.

New credits for coastal defences are to be doubled in the 1939 Budget compared to the sums allocated for this purpose in 1938. Credits put aside for naval aviation will be raised by nineteen per cent.—Havas.

# Finding of Nurse's Body Described

**Inquest Resumed on Miss J. M. Martin**

The inquest on the body of Miss Jean McLean Martin, late matron of the Shanghai Municipal Police hospital, who died on December 11, after falling from the roof of the hospital building, was resumed before Mr. I. T. Morris, H. M. Coroner, in the British court yesterday, when a number of witnesses gave evidence.

Dr. I G. Anderson, who performed the post-mortem, confirmed his report to the court, whilst Assistant Warder E. A. Kalashnikoff said that a Chinese came to him shortly after the body had fallen on to the roof of the hospital garage and told him about it. Witness immediately proceeded to the scene and soon afterwards requested Warden No. 3 to get in touch with Wayside Police Station. He found the foreign woman lying on her back in a pool of blood, with the head facing the police hospital building.

A few minutes later, the witness continued, Dr. Hau, a medical doctor attached to the Prison hospital, arrived on the scene. Asked as to the exact time of his discovery, witness stated that he did not know but that soon after he had arrived at the scene he was asked what time it was and that he then looked at his watch to find that it was 10.12 a.m. He remained near the victim until the ambulance and detectives arrived to take the body away.

Warder No. 12, John Shute, told the court that he was walking from the gate to the keys office at about 10 o'clock on Sunday morning, when he met Kalashnikoff who was running in the opposite direction. He informed him of the discovery of the body whereupon witness joined Kalashnikoff. Senior Warder Hutter instructed both, according to the witness, to proceed to the scene and to investigate. Dr. Hau arrived soon afterwards and after feeling the pulse of the deceased, said that she was dead.

**Doctor's Account**

Dr. Yau Ming Hau next gave evidence and said that he was on the staff of the Public Health Department attached to the hospital. He told the court that at about 10 a.m. on December 11, he was called by a foreign warder to attend a foreign woman that had fallen from the hospital. He proceeded to the compound and found the victim who had presumably fallen from the building on to the roof of the garage. Blood was running out of her ears and nose and after feeling the pulse and the heart, he found that life was apparently extinct. He found several multiple fractures in legs and arms. Witness stated that he remained with the body until a Fire Brigade ambulance removed it.

Sua Singh, a warder at the Ward Road Gaol said that he had arrived at the hospital door shortly before 10 o'clock to relieve warder No. 216. He had instructions to let no-one pass with the exception of members of the hospital staff and P.W.D. employees. At about 9.45 a.m., he went on to say, he saw a foreign lady arrive whom he had never seen before. She came on foot and was stopped by him. She told him that she was on the staff of the hospital whereupon he let her pass. She then took the lift. Soon afterwards, Warders Shute and Kalashnikoff ran toward the garage and he heard them say that a foreign woman was lying there. Asked whether he heard any scream or noise, he answered in the negative. Witness was not able to describe the clothing worn by the deceased but said that she was not wearing a uniform.

The Coroner then adjourned the inquest until 10.30 o'clock on Tuesday morning.

## Canidrome Results

1—440 yd. flat.—1, Pokerlaw; 2, Reveille. Also ran:—Kind Girl, Lulia Dale, Chihli Black Dragon, High Brow. A Neck.—Time, 26.97. Win, $56.10. Forecast (3-) Div. $371.80. Place, 1st $16.70; 2nd $17.50.

2—500 yd. flat.—1, Outlaw; 2, Brilliant Bill. Also ran:—My Gal, Red Bug, Modern Wave, Eumaeus. A neck.—Time, 30.24. Win, $20.80. Forecast (4-5) Div. $189.40. Place, 1st $11.80; 2nd $19. Double Event 1/2 (3-) Div. $260.90.

3—500 yd. flat.—1, Viscountess; 2, Bindee Isumber. Also ran:—Flying Colleen, Chihli Grey Wolf, Mei Lee Bar, Crummie. Short head.—Time, 30.19. Win, $17.10. Forecast (6-4) Div. $49.20. Place, 1st $8; 2nd $8. Double Event 2-3 (4-6) Div. $44.70.

4—500 yd. flat.—1, Assurance; 2, Rita Dale. Also ran:—Bell Boy, Distinction, Full House, Myrtle. 3 lengths.—Time, 29.96. Win, $66.90. Forecast (1-6) Div. $220.90. Place, 1st $14.20; 2nd $9.30. Double Event 3/4 (6-1) Div. $49.70.

5—500 yd. flat.—1, Captain Drew; 2, Moody Mask. Also ran:—Jacko, Erin Hero, Fulover, Botany Bay. 3 lengths.—Time, 29.82. Win, $15.40. Forecast (2-1) Div. $78.70. Place, 1st $9.70; 2nd $11.80. Double Event 4/5 (1-2) Div. $128.50.

6—500 yd. flat.—1, Jenny Wren; 2, Philco. Also ran:—Royal China, Pearlman Olympia, Maid of Honour. Short head.—Time, 29.91. Win, $69.50. Forecast (1-2) Div. $257.70. Place, 1st $22.10; 2nd $15.90. Double Event 5/6 (2-1) Div. $113.90.

7—500 yd. flat.—1, Jacinthe; 2, Clara Fante. Also ran:—Star Boy, Jubilee Queen, Belle O'New York, Don Juan. 1 lengths.—Time, 29.74. Win, $34. Forecast (2-6) Div. $159.50. Places, 1st $14.20; 2nd $10.70. Double Event 6/7 (1-2) Div. $167.20.

8—500 yd. flat.—1, Mr. Hattagee; 2, Spermin Lecitin. Also ran:—Daleson, The Quartermaster, Actor, Brilliant Tot. 1½ length.—Time, 29.84. Win, $31.60. Forecast (6-2) Div. $109.40. Place, 1st $14.40; 2nd $8.90. Double Event 7/8 (2-6) Div. $123.50.

9—500 yd. flat.—1, Diamond Queen; 2, Little Moira. Also ran:—Mad Dale, Lieutenant, Bella, Chop Fante. A head.—Time, 29.73. Win, $16. Forecast (2-1) Div. $62.80. Place, 1st $8.20; 2nd $10.90. Double Event 8/9 (6-2) Div. $56.10.

10—500 yd. flat.—1, Instructor; 2, Bouboule. Also ran:—Messenger Boy, Copalet, Top Notcher, Little John. 1½ length.—Time, 29.53. Win, $26. Forecast (4-1) Div. $109.10. Place, 1st $14.50; 2nd $11.70. Double Event 9/10 (2-4) Div. $36.30.

11—525 yd. flat.—1, Once Mare; 2, Rosie O'Hara. Also ran:—Catch Me, Master Zeb, Wanstead, Shanghai Life. 2½ lengths.—Time, 30.87. Win, $24. Forecast (1-2) Div. $195.90. Place, 1st $11.10; 2nd $16.50. Double Event 10/11 (4-1) Div. $91.80.

12—525 yd. flat.—1, Happy Troy; 2, Rita Jack. Also ran:—Blue Troy, Merry Mike, Chilly Eve, Whitey. 1½ length.—Time, 30.67. Win, $26. Forecast (4-1) Div. $72.60. Place, 1st $13; 2nd $10.20. Double Event 11/12 (1-4) Div. $63.10.

**Brenan Road Area Barricaded**

*In a search for armed criminals who yesterday fired upon an Italian patrol, police last night put up barbed wire barricades in many of the streets in the Brenan Road area. The picture shows one of the barricades being moved into position.*

# Tientsin Japanese Search for Foes

**Foreign Concessions Said To Be Harbouring Pro-Red Elements**

Tientsin, Dec. 17.

Close scrutiny of all those entering or leaving the French and British Concessions here by the Japanese authorities with the avowed purpose of seizing Chinese extremists today resulted in the reduction of traffic in and out of those areas to one-third of its normal volume. Shipping on the Peiho also registered a drop.

The examinations of passers by were initiated yesterday. They represent what the Japanese authoritis here described as an effort to apprehend anti-Japanese and pro-Communist elements alleged to be active in the British and French areas.

The restrictions, discouraging Chinese from entering the two concessions, brought a wave of prosperity to stores and other establishments in Chinese controlled territory.

The Consular Body, with the exception of the Japanese Consul-General, was understood to have met here yesterday afternoon to discuss the situation.

Japanese circles here today insisted that the situation would remain unchanged until an agreement was reached between the Japanese, on the one hand, and the British and French authorities, on the other.

The Japanese authorities contend that the French and British officials administrating their respective concessions have maintained a "non-cooperative" attitude towards Japanese requests to curb anti-Japanese and pro-Communist elements alleged to be active in those areas.—Domei.

## Brenan Piece Barricaded

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contradictory, certain quarters alleging that the Japanese had actually fired at the coolie when he had already reached the British sector. It was also reliably learned last night that a joint meeting of British and Japanese military authorities is to take place in the near future regarding the occurrence, but nothing definite could be learned.

**Trucks Filled With Police**

A visit to the area, made by a representative of the "North-China Daily News" shortly after midnight, revealed that the police were prepared to fight if necessary. Whilst heavy P.W.D. trucks were still rushing knife-edged barbed-wire barricades to various strategic points, particularly the vicinity of Jessfield Park, smaller trucks were manned by foreign and Chinese members of the Riot Squad. The foreigners for the greater part, being armed with submachine guns whilst Chinese constables on duty at the various points, held their pistols in hand.

The usually very lively district last night resembled in every respect the atmosphere to which Shanghai had been accustomed during hostilities. Hardly anybody was to be seen on the streets whilst as early as 11 o'clock, nearly all the shops were closed. In front of the barbed-wire barricades, C.P.C.s were posted in large numbers at least one Italian military patrol being seen marching along Brenan Road with fixed bayonets.

At 12.45 o'clock, no arrests had as yet been made and according to a police official none were expected as it was not anticipated that any untoward incident would occur unless the gangsters should choose to open fire on the poice.

The Reserve Unit was continuously patrolling the district while at least five police vans packed with C.P.C.s were slowly proceeding down Jesfield Road, ready to dash to any point where fighting between the lawbreakers and the police might break out.

Assistant-Commissioner R. W. Yorke personally supervised operations and was continuously driving along the various heavily guarded roads.


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## *Shanghai Would Be A Good Hostage*

Tokyo, Dec. 17.

"At the present moment, Japan cannot concede the Yangtze navigation issue," says Mr. Chuzo Mitsuchi, veteran Japanese statesman, in discussing the political and military situation in China, whence he has just returned from a tour.

"If Japan should yield now," he continues, "the heavy sacrifices we have made so far would all be nullified.

"If Great Britain, the United States or France should retaliate with economic measures," Mr. Mitsuchi points out, "Japan has only to strike at Shanghai, which to those Powers is a precious child.

"In this sense, Japan has a very powerful hostage to fall back on in time of need."

Mr. Mitsuchi has, at various times, been Chief Secretary of the Home Ministry and Minister of Finance, Communications and Railways.—Reuter.

## Huge U.S. Drug Firm Scandal Exposed

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that she had seen a letter from Vernard's wife which revealed that Vernard was a false name and referred to her husband as Arthur Musica.

Meanwhile the U.S. Post Office today became the fifth agency to enter the investigation of the affairs of McKesson and Robbins. Post Office officials commenced an isquiry to determine whether the operations of the firm had violated the statutes governing the use of the mails to defraud.

After arresting Vernard in his Brooklyn home, the Federal agents were ordered to re-arrest Dietrich and Julian Thompson, the firm's treasurer. They said that they would demand that the three be held for bail of U.S.$100,000 each.

**Hints of More Illicit Deeds**

Increasingly fantastic activities of the old-established drug firm and its officials was revealed when it was learned that Federal agents were seeking to establish a possible connection between the firm and the illicit alcohol traffic during prohibition times, as well as illegal gun-running during recent years.

Federal agents also sought evidence to substantiate reports that Coster had been the financial backer of the munitions ship, Mar Cantabrico, which set off for Republican Spain this spring.—United Press.

# Fuehrer Receives China's Envoy

**Sino-German Cultural And Economic Basis of Co-operation Stressed**

Berlin, Dec. 16.

Sino-German cultural and economic co-operation was advocated today by the new Chinese Ambassador to the Reich, Dr. Chen Chieh, when he presented his credentials to the Fuehrer, Hevr Adolf Hitler, this afternoon.

Herr Hitler, in his reply to the new envoy's address, also emphasized possibilities of such co-operation between the two countries.

Dr. Chen presented his credentials in the presence of Dr. Otton Meissner, head of the Presidential Chancellory. The ceremony that took place today had been delayed for some time because of certain passages in Dr. Chen's speech which were considered "offending" to Japan. These passages were deleted.

The Chinese envoy stated today: "China on the one hand, with natural riches and with a desire for pacific recovery, and Germany on the other, with technical and scientific experience, might become complementary.

"The Chinese rulers and people believe that this situation affords possibilities for a favourable development of our relations.

**Cultural Development Hopes**

"In the field of cultural policy, the new legislation of the Third Reich dealing for instance with family farming and worship of ancestors, which are now encouraged by the State, are in harmony with the ancient Chinese worship of ancestors and the basis of Chinese peasant life.

"Relations between the two countries will be tightened by such common conceptions.

"The Chinese Government and the people are firmly determined to carry out pacific tasks at home and in co-operation with foreign countries in the interests of the whole world.

"In the field of foreign policies, the Chinese Government desire to promote and further enhance relations with friendly countries. Such a spirit corresponds also to the aspirations of the German Government and people."

In conclusion, Dr. Chen expressed his wishes for the happiness of the Reichsfuehrer and the German people.

**Fuehrer's Beliefs Told**

Replying to this address, Herr Hitler declared, "Common efforts for the development of our cultural relations can be fruitfully pursued in the future.

"I also believe the complementary character of the economic structures of our countries can afford favourable conditions for the development of mutual economic relations."

Herr Hitler, concluding, thanked the Chinese Ambassador for his message of good wishes brought from Dr. Lin Sen, President of the Chinese Republic.—Havas.

## London Demonstration For Chinese

London, Dec. 14.

A huge demonstration in protest against "the barbarous bombardment of Chinese civilians by the Japanese" is to be held next Monday in Oxford Street, organized by the British Committee of the International Peace Movement. People will be urged to refuse to purchase Japanese goods as Christmas gifts.—Havas.

## *Chinese Held for Big Opium Seizure*

Honolulu, Dec. 17.

Customs and police authorities today seized eighty tins of opium, valued at US$30,000, aboard the Canadian Pacific liner Empress of Japan, which arrived from Vancouver, in the biggest narcotic haul since 1936. Five persons were arrested, headed by a Chinese, Ching Chun-hee, a 58-year-old narcotic addict on probation here. Three Hongkong Chinese crew members of the Canadian liner were also seized. Ching was released after preliminary questioning on a bond of US$10,000.—United Press.

# Commons Question on British Somaliland

**Assurances Wanted Against Transfer to Italy**

London, Dec. 17.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain, the British Prime Minister, will be asked a number of questions in the House of Commons on Monday with regard to British Somaliland, learns Reuters Lobby Correspondent.

Reuters Correspondent states that the Premier will be queried whether he will give an assurance that the Government will not agree to any cession of any British colonial territory or any part of this territory.—Reuter.

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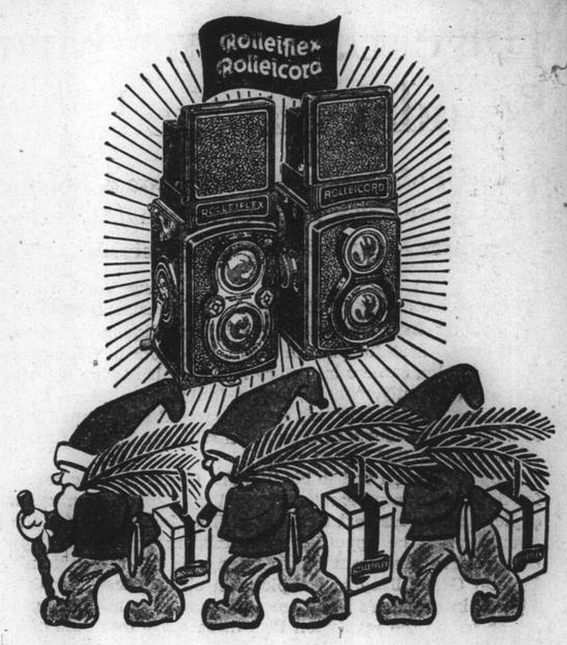


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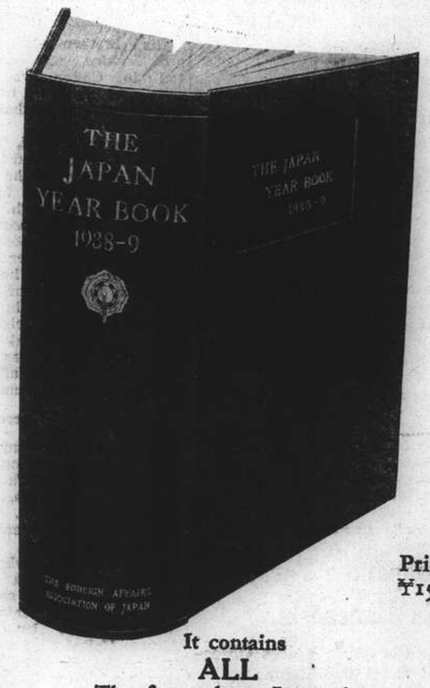


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THE secretary of a golf club found a tramp asleep on the course, and ordered him off. The tramp reluctantly obeyed, muttering in a reproachful voice: "That's not the way to get new members."

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**No Advice**

IN matters of religion and matrimony I never give any advice, because I will not have anybody's torments in this world or the next laid to my charge.

—Lord Chesterfield.

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**School Humour**

"IF you stand facing the north, what have you on your left hand?"

"Fingers."

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"Give an example of the imperative mood."

"Come up and see me sometime."

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**Value of a Laugh**

WHEN two Eskimo chiefs meet to settle a dispute, they begin by having a laugh together. They have a comic entertainment of some kind. Then, after they have had some fun, they begin their discussion.

An excellent recipe far all who live south of the North Pole.

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**Epitaph**

THE following epitaph is said to be from a tombstone in Ohio:

"Under this sod
And under these trees
Leith the bod
y of Solomon Pease.
He's not in this hole,
But only his pod;
He shelled out his soul
And went up to his God."

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**Envious**

AFTER the lecture, the professor went up to a man who had appeared very interested, and said:—"Well, my man, so you envy Diogenes, do you?"

"I do," said the man.

"And why do you envy a man who lived in a tub?" asked the professor.

"A tub! Blimey, guv'nor, I thought you said a pub."

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**Also for Shanghai?**

WITH an eye to cutting down highway accidents, Wisconsin will give each of its 700,000 motor car drivers a message printed on the envelope containing their 1939 licence plates. It will say:

"Keep this thought in mind; these plates identify you and the manner in which your car is operated. Drive so that you will not be criticized by the public or punished by the courts."

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**Crinoline**

IT is not surprising to read in that weighty and very respectable publication, the "Commercial Motor," that "women are to return to crinolines; that if they do the doors of taxicabs will have to be widened, which may also entail changes in design of motor bus and coach bodies."

Rumours that Lord Austin is designing a new model of the Baby Austin specially enlarged to meet the coming fashion are denied, however. But the glamour girls of 1939 will insist upon something being done about it.

# Religion in One's Daily Life

### Sermon Preached by the Rev. E. J. Ottewell in Holy Trinity Cathedral, at Mattins on Dec. 11

TEXT:—*"Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness.* St. Matt. 6: 33.

IN reading over the constitutions of the B. W. A., I see that there is one object only "to unite British women in the social service of the empire, and of the community," and the text I have chosen suggests the only way of carrying out a single object, and that is by a single-minded attitude to life—an attitude of service to God which expresses itself in service to one's fellow men.

The single-minded service of God may be seriously impaired by a lack of faith, or as the verse before my text has it, by an attitude of anxious care. The Greek word signifies a divided mind, which prevents one from attending properly to one's duties and daily obligations. St. James said, "A double or distracted minded man is unstable in al! his ways," and certainly the object of the B. W. A. cannot possibly be carried out by persons suffering from distracted minds. Nor can the daily routine claims on one's affections and sympathy be met by anyone in that condition.

Two years ago I read a delightful little book which expressed in very simple yet challenging words, the application of my text to everyday life. It was entitled "Be kind to yourself," "which might sound a rather selfish attitude to life; but when we examine that attitude and take it to its conclusion, we shall see that the results are far from selfish. Think of the text "Seek ye first the kingdom of God," something for yourself, but the obtaining of which carries with it the promise "All these other things shall be added to you." Power to serve your fellow men, power to be unselfish, peace of mind which enables you to be truly altruistic.

That eminent economist John Stuart Mill said, "In proportion to the development of his own personality, each person becomes more valuable to himself, and is therefore capable of being more valuable to others. There is a greater fulness of life about his own existence and when there is more life in the units, there is more life in the mass which is composed of them.'"

**Exercise of Faculties**

For a few minutes I would like to try to show you how the normal reasonable exercise of the faculties with which God has blessed us, makes for a full life, and that it is the non-Christian way of living which is not only sinful, but ignores Christian precepts, and is unreasonable and unnatural. Every woman worthy of the name is primarily interested in her own home. If not, we cannot expect much interest to be taken in other peoples' homes.

Be kind to yourself. Who has not met hundreds of people so unkind to themselves that they spoil hours and days, and give way to anger when the cause is really trivial? The telephone rings just when one is breakfasting. Many people immediately prison their thoughts, fret and fume, and waste more time doing that then it would take to answer ten telephones. Or the morning paper is late; the baby cries; the houseboy makes a little extra noise; the husband gets all worked up and in this state tries to shave, and so more trouble.

There are dozens of these incidents in every day life, and the only question is as to the right attitude to them. What is the Christian attitude? What is the reasonable attitude? Every time we face an upset, big or little, we can accept it calmly, or let loose a flood of ill temper and harmful emotions. We have from God the great gift of free-will, and the choice is ours. We can be kind to ourselves or treat ourselves outrageously; and if the latter, then undoubtedly we drag someone else into the trouble with us. These cases might be called accidental, but there are cases where people are deliberately unkind, maybe in some business incident, or in repeating some but of scandal; and here again a little thought will show the folly and loss of real things by departing from Christian standards.

How does this fit in with Christian truth? In the text we are told to seek, and again we are told "Behold the Kingdom of God is within you." I am quite sure that Christ meant that when he said it, and it seems to me that it is only when we are unkind to ourselves, that we allow to enter our minds things which crush down that Kingdom, that prevents its expression in our lives. In other words, we are selfish, and contrary to what selfish people believe, selfishness actually gets the selfish person less instead of more of the things that really matter in life.

To get closer to the text. Unkindness to oneself actually unfits one when the best of one's wits and abilities are needed.

**Recovery Doubly Difficult**

Here is an illustration:—a motorist driving too quickly on a slippery country road skids, and the car sticks fast in the mud on the side. The man loses his temper. He gets out of the car swearing he is always dogged by bad luck. There he is, stuck fast miles away from anywhere, with an appointment which he must keep within the hour, in a city 20 miles away. His impatience and irritability which have contributed to the accident now render recovery doubly difficult. He may have had excuse for slight annoyance, but losing his temper cannot possibly help.

What he should do is, not to fret and fume about his present condition and previous bad luck, but devote all his energy to the present problem. Along comes another man, takes sensible control of the situation, pulls a few bushes, throws them under the wheels. The treads take their grip, and the car comes quite easily back upon the road. The motorist thanks his rescuer and speeds off in ample time for his appointment, but in as bad a state for business as anyone could be.

A small boy was observed changing sundry articles from one pair of pants to another. When asked the reason he replied: "I am going out to tea and we may play this or that, but whatever we do I am going to be fixed up to have a good time."

Good time. What is our equipment? It is in wrong interpretation that many tragedies lie. Night into day; wild ceaseless rounds of cards, mahjongg, all night dancing. Unkind to oneself, by making one unfit to be kind, to discharge duties to friends and employers, or social service to ones community, pockets of our minds crammed with doubts and fears, destructive rubbish, including envy and self-pity, ensuring a poor time whatever happens. Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness. Or as Paul says, whatsoever things are true, honest, just, pure, lovely, good report; think on these things.

Fill the pockets of your mind with them, and whatever happens, your time will be a good one. In God's service we find Heaven here below—it is within us, it is the state in which no yesterday and tomorrow are carried as burdens. They are there for discipline, edification, encouragement and inspiration. But they can only be this if they are committed to Him who is able to keep them, and to leave us free to do His will just for today: to express each day our love for Him by our faithful service to our fellow men.

## South China War Tactics

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

Hongkong, Dec. 12.

At present the Japanese forces hold less than one-eighth of Kwangtung province from Bias Bay to Canton and along the Canton-Kowloon Railway. New guerilla forces are being formed under Gen. Yeh Ting, who will follow similar tactics as the 8th Route Army operating in Shansi, Hopei and Jehol.

Guerilla forces along the Canton-Kowloon Railway and the East River were scattered by the Japanese in mopping-up operations They were poorly trained and equipped by Gen. Yu Han-mou, head of the Kwangtung army, who utterly failed to put up a defence of Canton. Not knowing where to find General Yu or to get supplies from him, the guerillas are hiding in the mountains to escape annihilation.

The advancing Chinese forces from the north are reported to be south of Tsunghua, the hot springs resort, about 30 miles north of Canton. A state of emergency in Canton today lends credence to the reports that the Chinese troops are not far away, although the Japanese have brought up considerable reinforcements to stem the Chinese advance from the north and to push to Kwangsi province via the West River.

## New G.O.C. Malaya Appointed

London, Dec. 15.

Major General L. V. Bond, Commandant of the School of Engineering, has been appointed to the post of General Officer Commanding Malaya. He succeeds Major General W. G. S. Dobbie, whose tenure expires in August, 1939.—Reuter.

## The Cradle Babies Christmas

### Seventeen Infants Await Coming of Santa Claus; Supported by Charity

Seventeen small babies are looking forward to Santa Claus visiting The Cradle, Shanghai's own foreign nursery, and they are not going to be disappointed. The volunteer girl workers of The Cradle will attend to the decoration of a tree for them. The Rotary Club is going to see that there are plenty of toys for the babies, one and all. This will be The Cradle's third Christmas celebration, and a happy day for its small occupants is being planned.

The story of The Cradle, which is quite well known by now, runs briefly as follows: Over two years ago several inspired Shanghai young ladies started a nursery for needy foreign babies under two. The reason for the two age limit was that there is a home here for babies over two, but there had been no place that cared for the very young. The Cradle opened its doors to give these small ones a good home, with proper food, medical attention and a decent start in life.

The Cradle's beginning was a very timid and inauspicious one, but the enthusiasm of the volunteer workers and the financial help of interested people made it possible for The Cradle to expand quickly. Now seventeen babies are cared for, the youngest of whom is three weeks old, the eldest just two.

**Twelve Babies Adopted**

To date 73 babies have lived at The Cradle, and been started on the road to a healthier childhood. And there have been twelve adoptions into good homes of babies from The Cradle.

The work for Cradle babies is done almost entirely by volunteer workers who come daily to its headquarters at 296 Route Winling. Several of the workers are qualified nurses, and Dr. Francis K. Nance gives specialized medical services to the babies, free of charge.

The money required to carry on Cradle work is acquired chiefly by means of the monthly bridge and mahjongg held at the foreign Y.M.C.A. and it is hoped that the following year will bring many more supporters of this bridge-mahjongg tea. And many local merchants have made it possible to run The Cradle at a minimum of expense by giving, or selling at cost, their wares, such as medicines, milk, cereals and tomato juice.

This year The Cradle has received a much appreciated gift of several tons of coal from the United States Marine Corps, and a case of evaporated milk recently from an anonymous source.

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A woman's skull, parts of a skeleton and an old revolver with one chamber empty, were dicovered by workmen demolishing some old property in Newington Butts, S. E. recently. The revolver was very rusty and encrusted with soil, said the foreman. "It certainly looked as if something had happened in the house a long time ago." Police Officers took charge of the relics.


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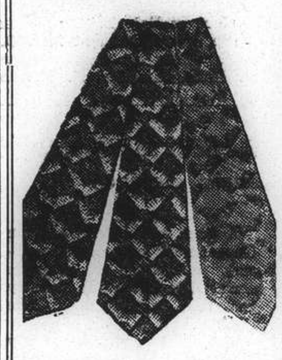

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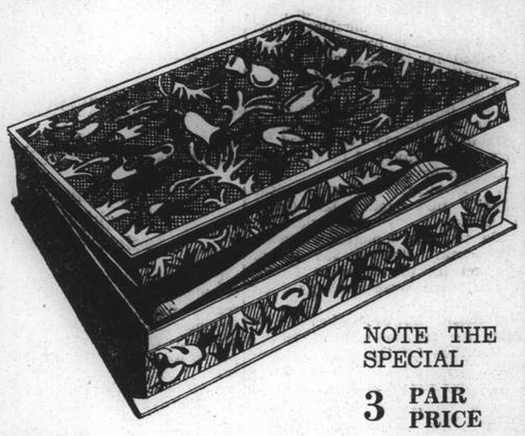

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# Reform of S.M.P. Canvassed

### Deputy Commissioner Says Changes Cannot Be Made Quickly; Japan's Rights

Mr. Chikayuki Akagi, Japanese Special Deputy Commissioner of the Shanghai Municipal Police, is willing to resign in favour of "a more capable and talented official" at any time the Tokyo Government requires him to take such a step, the "Shanghai Mainichi" reported on Friday night in a featured report quoting the Japanese official at length.

"During the five months I have been in office," the "Mainichi" reported Mr. Akagi as saying, "I have heard many criticisms and suggestions regarding my work, but what alternatives are there to the steps I have been taking?"

"I cannot take any drastic measures in the proposed reform of the Municipal Police," Mr. Akagi was stated to have declared, pointing out that the S.M.P. was not a Japanese governmental organization, but an institution in which the conflicting interests of third-party Powers were in constant evidence.

"We must take a long view," Mr. Akagi was quoted as saying. "Reforms as well as other measures will have to be undertaken step by step."

**Reorganization Justified**

Japan, "as a victorious nation", the Special Deputy Commissioner was further reported to have said, would be justified in demanding a partial reorganization of the S.M.P.

"But such claims, no matter how just they are, are not compatible with the organization of the S.M.P. which has already developed a history and tradition of its own," he was said to have added.

The Municipal Council, the "Mainichi" said quoting Mr. Akagi, had shown a "very considerate" attitude towards Japanese demands, which were now on the eve of realization up to a certain degree as negotiations were reaching their final stage.

Mr. Akagi, however, declined to divulge the reform plans asserting that the time for that was still immature.

# American Troop Parade At Columbia Club

### Inspection of Unit This Morning and Drill

A mobilization of the American Troop, S.V.C., will take place at 10 a.m. today at the Columbia Country Club for the final activity of the year. The troop will be commanded by Lieut. W. A. Adams in the absence of Capt. N. F. Allman and there will be an inspection of arms by members of the United States Marine Corps.

During the year the troop sustained a great loss through the resignations of Lieutenants Hawkesworth and Painter, the strength at present being 50, including 12 new recruits, a report of the year's work states. Owing to the fact that outside roads were not available the troop was unable to hold mounted drills, but during August 13 and 14 they patrolled certain districts of the Settlement. Several drills and classes were held at the Hongkew Rifle range, Police pistol range and at the Drill Hall.

During October the troop received its Emergency medals, the presentations being made by Col. Charles F. B. Price, then commander of the Fourth United States Marine Corps. Several Corps cavalry competitions were held with the Shanghai Light Horse, the honours being equally divided.

Food similar to the mess served the Japanese officers and men on the China fronts was reported to have been on the menu at the luncheon of Emperor Hirohito yesterday. The ingredients and materials for the regular Army mess were supplied through the Military Provisions Depot. The Sovereign was said to have specifically requested the soldiers' mess in his desire to share the hardships of the forces in action in China.

("N.C.D.N." Photo.

**Cathedral Wedding**

*Yesterday morning the wedding took place at Holy Trinity Cathedral of Mr. Philip Blown, of the Shanghai Telephone Company, and son of Captain and Mrs. O. C. Blown, and Miss Winifred Harding, daughter of Mrs. K. M. Harding. The bridesmaids were the Misses Olive Blown, Lyall Cormack and Weather Roach, and Mr. G. W. Blown was best man.*

# Circuit Judges for Occupied Areas

### Officials Appointed By Chungking to Resume Judicial Control

Chinese authorities in Chungking think that they can not afford to surrender their judicial power in the Japanese-occupied districts and have therefore decided to assign "circuit" judges to work in the war zone. According to a Chinese report, detailed regulations are being worked out by the Ministry of Justice to carry out the new judicial system and they are expected to be made public soon.

It is now reported that the date for re-opening the Nantao District Court in Shanghai has been postponed. It will be recalled that recently officials of the "Reformed Government" at Nanking decided to resume the operations of the Nantao District Court on the New Year's Day. They have already appointed a chief judge and chosen the site of a former primary school for the court. The opening day has now been postponed to February 1 of 1939. No Chinese report has so far suggested that a "circuit" judge will work in Shanghai.

According to the reported plan of the Ministry of Justice, judges will be sent by high courts to work in war areas. They are to tour in war zones and in order to herald their arrival notices will be posted beforehand. The people who wish to bring cases to the attention of "circuit" judges do not need to write their petitions on official petition forms which are hard to obtain in such areas. No court fees will be collected.

"Circuit" judges will receive subsidies besides their salaries. In creating the new judicial system Chinese authorities are stated to have a twofold purpose to carry out, first, to help the people in the war zone to have their grievances heard, and second, to prevent the Japanese and "puppet" officials from infringing upon the judicial right of the Chinese government, the report states.

# Customs Officials Die In Alexandria Fire

Alexandria, Dec. 17.

Eight Customs officials were burnt to death here yesterday, in a fire which gutted one wing of the Customs building. Eighteen cases of cinema films were destroyed in the flames. It was thought that the fire started when a spark ignited one of the films, while it was being examined by Customs officials.—Reuter.

## *Belgium to Organize Aerial Defence*

Brussels, Dec. 17.

A draft bill authorising the Government to take the necessary measures to organize aerial defence in the country has been approved by the Cabinet.

The Bill provides nearly £400,000 to be devoted mainly on anti-aircraft guns. The Government has further enjoined a report, by April 30, on the progress made in this direction.—Reuter.

## *WEDDINGS*

### Blown—Harding

Yesterday morning at Holy Trinity Cathedral the wedding took place of Mr. Philip Blown, son of Captain and Mrs. O. C. Blown, and Miss Winifred Marjory Harding, daughter of Mrs. K. M. Harding and the late Mr. J. W. Harding. Dean Trivett officiated.

The bride, who was given away by Mr. R. B. Roach, was dressed in a gown of white cut-chiffon velvet, made on princess lines. Her veil was of Brussels lace in a design of lovers' knots, held in place by orange blossoms. She carried a shower bouquet of white chrysanthemums and sweet peas. The bridesmaids were the Misses Lyall Cormack, Olive Blown (sister of the bridegroom) and Heather Roach. Miss Cormack and Miss Blown wore gold satin frocks made on Grecian lines, with embroidered boleros, gold satin Juliet caps and short veils, and carried shower bouquets of African daisies. Miss Roach wore an Empire dress of white moiré taffeta, with a blue sash and Juliet cap of silver sequins, and carried an old-fashioned posy of blue and white sweet peas. Mr. G. W. Blown was best man.

The bride's mother wore a princess dress of saxe blue crêpe royale, her corsage being of blush pink roses.

From 6-8 p.m. a reception was held at 8 Verdun Terrace, the residence of the bride's mother, after which the bride went away in a dress of misty-rose wool, her brown coat having a red fox collar. She wore a small brown poke bonnet and her accessories were brown. The honeymoon is being spent in Japan.

### Schmidt-Sentouktsis

Yesterday afternoon at the Church of Christ the King, the wedding took place of Mr. Walter G. Schmidt, assistant secretary of the Foreign Y.M.C.A. in Shanghai, and Miss Caliope Sentouktsis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Sentouktsis of Shanghai.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a white crêpe gown made on Grecian lines, the wide belt embroidered in pearls, and a short, draped bolero. Her long veil fell from a crown of orange blossoms and her flowers were lilies. The matron of honour was Mrs. H. Moeseler and the bridesmaids were the Misses Eftalia Sentouktsis (sister of the bride), Anneta and Alexandria Chelmis, and Olga Sentouktsis. Their dresses were in pastel shades of blue, peach, green and white respectively and were made alike in princess style with large puffed sleeves and heart-shaped ruffled necklines. Tulle veils to match their dresses were held in place with velvet flowers. The bridegroom was attended by Dr. H. Ley and Mr. D. Chelmis, the ushers being Messrs. H. Baumgartner, O. Kleemann, A. Vogt and W. Wilkens.

After the ceremony a reception was held at the German Garden Club in Avenue Haig. The honeymoon is being spent in a tour of Japan.

For "If I Were King," Paramount's new Frank Lloyd production starring Ronald Colman as Francois Villon, 75 seamstresses used 1,500 yards of rich fabrics in fashioning 15th century court gowns for feminine principals, including Frances Dee and Heather Thatcher.

# Suspected Robbers in District Court

Eleven out of about 90 criminal suspects arrested by the Settlement police some weeks ago were brought before the First Special District Court yesterday on a writ of detention. No charges have yet been framed against them but it is understood that at the next hearing they will probably be charged with armed robbery.

The men were alleged to have committed an armed robbery at 34 Peiho Road on October 22 when they are alleged to have made off with $270 in cash and valuables. One Mauser pistol, three pistols and more than 100 rounds of ammunition were seized from the gang. The police are still investigating the other arrested suspects, most of whom, however, are believed to have been released.

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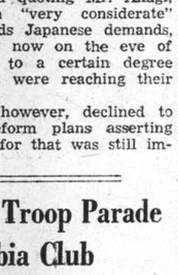

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## FROM DAY TO DAY

DR. and Mrs. Frederick Reiss are expected to arrive in Shanghai on the 27th of this month by the Empress of Japan.

MR. F. H. B. Harmon, will be the speaker over Station XMHD., the China Christian Broadcast, tonight from eight thirty to nine o'clock, the half hour of meditation in English.

THE Shanghai Catholic Radio League will present its regular bi-weekly organ recital this evening over XMHA from 7.30 to 8 o'clock. Mr. Henry Francis Parks will be at the organ.

THE King's Daughters' Society wish to inform the public that during the week, December 19 to 24, their office at 868 Avenue Foch will remain open from 8.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 2 to 4 p.m.

MEMBERS and friends of the King's Daughters' Society are reminded that Christmas hampers will be prepared on Tuesday and Wednesday. Gifts will be gratefully accepted at Headquarters, 868 Avenue Foch.

THE Czechoslovakian delegates who have been in London for discussions with His Majesty's Government have returned to Prague for consultation with their Government on certain points which have arisen. Discussions will be resumed in London shortly.

THE committee for the Limbless Fund are soliciting clothes, books, toys or any household goods for a rummage sale which is to be held at 10 a.m. in the Union Church Hall on December 29. Donations for this sale will be received at the Union Church at any time before the night preceding the sale.

COL. Enrico Andreini, Commander of the Savoy Grenadiers who evacuated Shanghai recently, was decorated with the Third Class Order of the Sacred Treasure by Emperor Hirohito of Japan. Col. Andreini, who is making a short visit to Japan, will leave for Italy soon,. He was credited with contributing to the promotion of friendly relations between Japan and Italy.

MORE than 3,000 Chinese domiciled in Siam were expelled from Bangkok during October, says a report to the "Sin Wan Pao." Their expulsion was ordered following the passing of a set of Siamese Government new regulations dealing with the question of public peace and "undesirable elements." It is said that the expelled Chinese came under the Government rulings on vagrancy.

MR. Joseph P. Kennedy, visiting U.S. Ambassador to Great Britain, had a 1½ hour interview with President Roosevelt on Friday. He told the press that he had spoken to the Chief Executive about his personal observations upon the September crisis in Europe. Mr. Kennedy will spend his holiday in Florida for the next five weeks and will return to London to resume his duties early in February, 1939.

THE branch office of the Southwest Industrial Federation in Chungking, says a Hongkong Chinese message to the "Wen Wei Pao," entertained Mr. Wang Hsiao-lai Mr. Tu Yueh-sen and other prominent Shanghai Chinese industrialists and bankers to a tea reception on December 15. It is learned, the report adds, that measures for the industrial development of the Southwest provinces formed the subject of discussions at the reception.

THE "waits" will consist of a mixed party of about a dozen. They have rehearsed six well-known carols. At 8.30 p.m. on Christmas Eve, by kind permission of Mrs. Robertson, the operator of Station XQHB, the "waits" will broadcast carols for a period of 15 to 20 minutes following which they will begin their house to house wanderings continuing until midnight at least. The money collected will be donated to the Salvation Army and The King's Daughters' Society.

THE Estonian-Sino treaty of amity, signed by the representatives in London in December 1937, was lately ratified by the Presidents of both Republics. In virtue thereof the Chinese Government at Chungking has sent a message to the Dean of the Diplomatic Body for transmission to the Senior Consul in Shanghai to recognize Mr. P. H. Rumberg as Consul for Estonia. Mr. Rumberg has been acting in Shanghai since 1924, when he was appointed by the Estonian Foreign Office as its representative.

READERS will today have an opportunity to listen to the Oriental counterparts of famous artists when the "China Harmonica Society" gives its eighth anniversary Harmonica Concert at the Rialto Theatre. An interesting programme has been arranged, it is exclusively classical, including performances by the combined band of 160 players and the one and only female harmonica band in China. Besides harmonica solos and other combinations, well-known guest artists will give performances on the piano, violin and the guitar. The proceeds of the concert, after deducting expenses, will be given to the refugee funds.

A LARGE gathering of members of the Shanghai Camera Club took place on Friday evening in the Club's new premises at 330 Szechuen Road, which are fitted out with dark-room and other facilities for the promotion of photographic endeavour. After a short and interesting talk by Mr. Hutchinson on "Common Errors in Photography and Their Correction," a lively discussion took place regarding the dependability of exposure meters, which brought to light much information of a useful nature. Before closing the meeting, several photographs submitted by members, were criticized to show where improvements could be made.

ONE of the biggest charity dances of the season will be the Hannuccah Ball which is being held at the French Club on Wednesday at 9.30 p.m. Many well known artistes are appearing and the entertainment programme will reach a very high standard. The proceeds of this ball are for the purpose of feeding and educating poor Jewish children in Shanghai and in addition this year a great number of Jewish refugee children who have arrived here from Europe will be cared for by the Association. Shanghai is ever generous in the cause of charity and the needs of these refugee children present a special cause. Tickets may be obtained from the committee or at the entrance to the club.

## Late Mr. Harold Browett An Appreciation

As one who for many years has enjoyed the privileges of being an intimate friend of the late Mr. Harold Browett, perhaps I may be permitted space to offer a tribute to his memory in the columns of your journal.

During the many months of his illness which terminated the day before yesterday, I had been a frequent visitor to his apartment in Avenue Joffre with the object of keeping him informed regarding the little happenings of Shanghai life in which I knew he would be interested —an interest which never flagged in the slightest up to the time of my final visit which took place on Thursday of last week. He would put questions to me about this, that and the other subject, and it was always a pleasure to convey to him, as best I could, just what he wanted to know about local on-goings.

Up to about a month or so ago, Mr. Browett was able to spend most of each day in the living-room of his apartment, clad in a pretty kimono. Almost to the last, he continued to take an active and lucid part in the conduct of the affairs connected with his legal business, being visited daily for this purpose by his confidential clerk. Eventually through increasing weakness he found it necessary to remain in bed entirely, and it became apparent that his end was not far distant. He had aged considerably in appearance since last he was able to go in and out amongst us, but to the end he retained his fine, fresh complexion, and his eyes were as sweet and smiling as they had always been during the thirty-five years I had known him. At no time did he ever seem downhearted, but was well-prepared to respond to "the call" to higher service whenever it might come to him.

As all his intimate friends were aware, when Harold Browett had finished each day's labour in his office and came round to the Shanghai Club or to the Shanghai Lawn Bowls Club to enjoy a social hour with his friends, it was a rare thing to see him without a long-stemmed cherry-wood pipe between his lips, for a pipe was his constant companion in hours of leisure. Sitting at his bedside two or three weeks ago, he suddenly enquired as to whether I still smoked a pipe myself. On my replying in the affirmative he then asked Mrs. Browett to request their houseboy to bring him an unopened tin of his favourite smoking-mixture —"State Express"—and asked my acceptance of it as a memento of the many pleasant smokes which we had enjoyed together. I at first demurred on the ground of the hope I expressed that it might not be very long until he would once more be able to resume his pipe, but he shook his head and remarked: "No, D——, I've definitely smoked my last one," and so I gratefully accepted the proferred gift. When I saw him last Thursday, I produced from my pocket a pipe which had been presented to me a few days previously, and remarked that I would like to have the benefit of his opinion on its probable merits as a pipe. Harold examined it with close attention, and then pronounced himself satisfied that I was likely to enjoy many a good smoke from it. He then asked if I had my pouch in my pocket. I said: "yes, I have it here." Then he remarked "will you please let me have it for a minute?" It contained some of the tobacco he had gifted to me, and then the dear old gentleman proceeded with trembling fingers to fill up my pipe "in the way a pipe ought to be filled." He then said: "Now, light up, D——: I replied: "But whatever will Mrs. Browett say when she gets home and finds that someone has been smoking a pipe in her and your bedroom, Harold?" "That's all right, you may take it from me," said he; "don't worry yourself about that." And so I lit up, and when I had done so, Harold just lay contentedly sniffing the fragrant aroma of his own special baccy, and sighed: "that's grand." A minute or two later I said goodbye to him—for the last time, as it has proved—but I shall always remember that particular smoke as long as I live.

And now Harold Browett has passed on, leaving behind to his many friends the memory of his gracious and kindly personality to carry with them for many a day.

I cannot close this memoir without adding a word or two to record the assiduous and devoted attention bestowed on Harold by Mrs. Browett during the many months of his illness. During her hours of leisure in the evenings she was rarely absent from his side except to fulfil one or two little standing engagements during the week, and then only because it was Harold's special wish that they should be continued. To Mrs. Browett, the sympathies of all of Harold's and her friends will be warmly extended in this hour of loss.—D. MACD.

A CHINESE Women's Training, Institute, says a Chungking Chinese report to the "Sin Wan Pao," will be organized shortly by Mme. Chiang Kai-shek. Some 600 Chinese women will be selected from Chinese colleges and public organizations to be trained in the Institute to undertake wartime services.

**Foreign "Y" Official Marries**

*Yesterday afternoon at the Church of Christ the King Mr. Walter G. Senmidt, assistant secretary of the Foreign Y.M.C.A., was married to Miss Caliope Sentouktsis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Sentouktsis of Shanghai. The matron of honour was Mrs. H. Moeseler and the bridesmaids were the Misses Eftalia Sentouktsis (bride's sister), Annina and Alexandria Chelmis and Olga Sentouktsis. The bridegroom was attended by Dr. H. Ley and Mr. D. Chelmis, and the ushers were Messrs. H. Baumgartner, O. Kleemann, A. Vogt and W. Wilkens.*

## Carol Service Today at Cathedral

**Christmas Celebration Opening**

Evensong in the Holy Trinity Cathedral today will be said at 5 o'clock and will be followed at 6 o'clock by the first of the two Christmas Carol Services which have been arranged by Mr. L. H. Barton, organist and chairmaster of the Cathedral. Mr. Barton has arranged a very nicely balanced programme of carols, which will give the congregation an opportunity to sing old familiar hymns and carols, which will bring back memories of home and of Christmases of long ago. In addition, the choir will sing some special music, including carols of a more elaborate setting, good things both old and new. The carol service begins promptly at 6 o'clock. The following is the full programme:—

Processional Hymn.
"Hark the Herald Angels Sing"
(Choir and Congregation)
Prayers.
Carol. "Good Christian men rejoice.
(Choir and Congregation)
Lesson. St. Matthew 1, 18-25.
Carols.
(a) 'A babe ys borne' (Bridge)
(b) 'In excelsis gloria' (Wilson)
(c) 'Yeeomans Carol' Traditional.
(d) 'Adam lay ybounden' Traditional.
Hymn.
'While shepherds watched their flocks.'
(Choir and Congregation)
Carol. Noel. J. A. Tebbs.
Organ. Fantasia on Adeste Fideles.
Geoffrey Shaw.
Hymn. 'O Come all ye faithful.'
(Choir and Congregation)
Recit. and Air.
He shall feed his flock. Handel.
(Mesdames Gain and Harvey).
Lesson. St. Luke 2, 1-20.
Carols.
(a) The blessed birth. Walford Davies.
(b) New Prince new pomp. Dom Gregory Murray.
(c) Welcome Yule. Parry.
Carol. The First Nowell. Traditional.
(Choir and Congregation)
The Blessing.

Foreign visitors to the New York World's Fair 1939 must obtain a non-immigration visa, good for six months. This period can be extended upon official approval. Federal authorities and immigration officials will make a close check-up to be sure all the 500,000 foreign visitors expected at the Fair return to their native lands at expiration of their visas.

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Correction: The total sum of the previous acknowledgment should be $563,026.46 instead of $563,026.25 on account of a typewriting error.

## New Siamese Premier

Bangkok, Dec. 17.

Colonel Luang Bipul Songgram, Minister of Defence, has been appointed Prime Minister of Siam by the Council of Regency.—Reuter.

## Pootung Guerillas Hold Their Own

**Break Into Small Bands To Avoid Japanese Drive; Ferry Resumed**

After nearly a week's fighting in which aeroplanes were used by the Japanese the guerrilla warfare in Pootung has created a new situation in which the guerrillas have now withdrawn and further divided themselves into smaller units to avoid a frontal attack, according to Chinese evening reports yesterday. It is asserted that it does not pay for the Japanese to start this new drive against the Pootung guerrillas who have thus preserved their strength.

The Japanese are stated to have called reinforcements even from Kashing and Sungkiang for the new campaign against the guerrillas on the peninsula, where several villages have suffered terribly from the fighting. Nanchiaochen is said to have been burned. After fighting gallantly for several days and nights the guerrillas are said to have divided themselves into smaller units and scattered near outskirts of Nanwei, Fenghsien and Chwangsha, all in Pootung.

In the latest anti-guerrilla drive the Japanese are said to have mobilized about 4,000 men while the Chinese mobile units are claimed to be of equal strength. In all engagements both sides have lost heavily, but the Chinese have preserved their strength more by scattering, leaving behind "dead" villages for the Japanese, it is stated.

After three days' suspension one ferry service between Pootung and the foreign settlements was reopened yesterday, thus allowing hundreds of stranded villagers to travel from Pootung to the foreign settlements and vice versa. The ferry service between Tungchang Road in Pootung and the Peking Road Bund, however, was still closed. Other ferry services in the southern section of the Whangpoo remained closed on account of military operations.

## Overseas Chinese Form New Association

**Singapore Body to Head Support of Government**

Chinese reports reveal that overseas Chinese in various foreign countries have expressed their willingness to support the newly established "Mother Country Salvation Society" in Singapore headed by Mr. Hu Wen-fu, the famous multimillionaire overseas Chinese medicine merchant, and Mr. Chen Chia-kang, a rubber merchant.

Soon after the inauguration of the society, which is considered the head office of all overseas Chinese patriotic organizations, the latter have telegraphically informed the society of their determination to support the Government and the society so as to carry on the hostilities to the end.

The society has established a branch in Hongkong and its representatives are going to and fro between Hongkong and Shanghai negotiating on the question of making contributions and of the methods of distributing them.

The patriotic overseas Chinese are stated to be planning to help their Government in many ways but the programmes which they are already carrying out include the refugee land reclamation work, and development of industries and mines in the interior. Methods of collecting cash contributions from overseas Chinese on a permanent basis are also said to have been decided upon.


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# No Pacts Evolved At Lima

### Tokyo Journal Likens U.S. "Monroe" Policy To Japan's in China

New York, Dec. 16.

The United States has presented a draft treaty, embodying eight separate Inter-American Peace Pacts, to the Pan-American Conference at Lima, it is reported.

The main fact of interest to New York observers, it is stated here, is that Mr. Cordell Hull, the Secretary of State, has not yet submitted any proposals which might rouse or consolidate opposition.

In particular, he put forward nothing in the nature of a plan for an "United American Front" declaration, or for the establishment of machinery for Pan-American consultations in the event of external aggression.

All proposals, it is stated here, must be filed with the steering committee before December 18, and consequently, it is suggested in some quarters, Argentina has already successfully defeated American hopes for a pact establishing definite commitment in case of foreign intervention.—Reuter.

**Japanese Comment**

Tokyo, Dec. 16.

Commenting on America's Pan-American policy, the "Asahi Shimbun," influential daily, declares in an editorial today that the speech delivered by Mr. Cordell Hull, United States Secretary of State, at the Pan-American Conference at Lima is a "re-announcement of the Monroe Doctrine in a new form.

It is easy to see from the tone of Mr. Hull's speech, the journal asserts, that the United States is desirous of establishing a federal system of government—in other words, a new order in the Western Heinisphere similar to that which Japan is now contemplating in East Asia.

It is natural for the United States to seek the creation of a new order, it continues, so that all American Republics will co-operate in dealing with problems of common interest to them.

However, the "Asahi Shimbun" asserts, "beyond our understanding is the fact that, while the United States herself is pursuing a Pan-American policy, she is unsympathetic towards Japan in her effort to establish a new order in the Far East. On the contrary, America insists on the observance of the principle of the Open Door and equal opportunity in China, which no longer is applicable to present conditions in East Asia."—Reuter.

# Commons Seek to Erect Asquith Memorial

### Address to His Majesty For Instruction Sought

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Dec. 16.

Parliament has a rule that no monument may be erected within the precincts of the House of Commons to one of its members until ten years after death.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain, Prime Minister, referred to this prohibition in the House of Commons yesterday, when he moved that the House go into committee on Monday to consider an address to His Majesty, praying for instructions to be given for the erection of a memorial to the late Earl of Oxford and Asquith.

Mr. Chamberlain recalled that the Earl of Asquith's career had lasted for neatly 39 years.

The motion was agreed unanimously.—Reuter.

# Grand Duke Vladimir Arrives in Berlin

### Visit of Russian Claimant To Czardom Called Private

Berlin, Dec. 16.

It was officially confirmed today that Grand Duke Vladimir Cyrillovich of Russia will arrive here shortly.

However, it was stressed that no political significance should be attached to the visit.

Grand Duke Vladimir, who is 21 years of age, is the son of the late Grand Duke Cyril who died recently.

According to information received from the Hohenzollern family, his visit will be a purely private one since he is coming to see his relatives in Germany.

The Grand Duke is the brother-in-law of Prince Louis-Ferdinand of Prussia, who married Grand-Duchess Kyra, the Grand Duke's sister. All three will spend the Christmas holidays together on the estate of Prince von Leiningen, in Franconia.—Havas.

# China Hopes Germany Will Stay Neutral

### Chungking Journal on News That Japan is Favoured

Chungking, Dec. 16.

China does not hope that Germany will change her policy vis-à-vis her relations with Japan, but that, at least, Germany will maintain neutrality in the conflict between China and Japan, states a leading article on relations between China and Germany in the Chinese daily "Ta Kung Pao."

The journal emphasizes that the Chinese people will not easily forsake their friendship of long standing with the German people.

It expresses the hope that Germany will realise that "China will never be conquered by Japan, and also that Japan cannot, and will not, give active support to Germany in the event of a European war."

In conclusion, the "Ta Kung Pao" also hopes that Germany will not slight her friendship with China, which has always welcomed German products.—Reuter.

# Huge U.S. Government Expenditures

Washington, Dec. 15.

The United States Treasury Department today announced that Government expenditures for the present fiscal year up to December 13 had amounted to U.S.4,002,400,533. This brought the Government's net deficit to a figure of US$1,565,129,830.—United Press.

**Toy Visions of Christmas**

*This little mite is greatly amused at the many toys displayed on the pavement at Holborn in expectation of Christmas now only a week away.*

# U.S. President to Seek New Powers

### Retaliatory Measures Against Reich, Japan Being Contemplated

Washington, Dec. 16.

The Government intend to present to Congress next year such legislation as would permit the President to retaliate against all measures taken abroad and affecting American interests or restricting the liberties of American citizens, well-informed politicians revealed today.

Such legislation would allow President Roosevelt to take measures of reprisal against Japan and the Reich, they added. They pointed out that American interests in China have been affected by the hostilities there, while Germany has not yet even replied to Washington's Notes upon the treatment of American Jews in the Reich.

Juridical experts recalled and stressed the fact that the Tariff Law of 1930, which allowed the President of the U. S. to blacklist the Reich, is applicable only in cases of discrimination against American trade and cannot be applied in the case of American Jews in Germany.

The "unfriendly attitude of Japan" also did not fall within the scope of application of this Tariff Law. Need for new legislation therefore became apparent, they added.

Before demanding such powers, it is expected that the State Department will wait for a report from Mr. Nelson T. Johnson, U. S. Ambassador in China, and for a Note from Berlin in answer to the last U. S. Note upon the American Jewish question.—Havas.

# Match Sales Controlled In North China

### New Association Planned For Next Spring

Peiping, Dec. 17.

The National Match Sales Co-Operative Association, which will be formally inaugurated next spring, has its temporary office on the 4th floor of the Chung Yuan Department Store in the Japanese Concession in Tientsin, according to Chinese press reports.

The Association, which will exercise control over the sale of matches in North China, has the support of the Ministries of Finance and Industries, of the "Provisional Government."

Two Japanese officials of the Association are now conducting a two-months tour of inspection of Tsinan, Tsingtao, Shanghai and Taiyuan, to inspect the general conditions of the match industry in these places.

Upon the inauguration of the Association, all match factories in places under the rule of the "Provisional Government" will be asked to join. It will not permit the establishment of new match factories and production will be regulated and prices standardized.—Reuter.

# New Light Cruisers of U.S. Navy Ordered

### Bids for Two Offered with Two Due in Federal Yards

Washington, Dec. 16.

The Navy Department today asked for bids on two light cruisers of a new light type. It was believed that the new cruisers would be the fastest yet constructed in the United States.

The bids call for vessels of only 6,000 tons, compared to the usual 10,000 tons or 7,050 tons for warships in the cruiser class.

In addition to the two for which bids were asked, the Navy announced its intention to build two others of the same type in its own yards.—United Press.

# Ecuador Press Accuses Mexican Diplomat

### Left Wing Agitation Alleged Aided

Quito, Ecuador, Dec. 17.

The newspapers accuse a Mexican diplomat of inspiring Left Wing agitation, and assisting in the flight of certain extremist deputies following the suppression of the military revolt.—Reuter.

# Commons Debating Service Scheme

### Government Determined On Avoiding Compulsion In National Register

London, Dec. 17.

A motion, tabled by the Government for consideration during the debate, in the House of Commons, on December 20, on National Service, indicates that the Government is quite determined not to have a compulsory system of registration, says Reuter's Lobby Correspondent.

The motion, which has been tabled in the names of the Prime Minister, Mr. Neville Chamberlain; the Lord Privy Seal, Sir John Anderson, and the Minister of Labour, Mr. Ernest Brown, reads as follows:

This House, recognizing that the taking of measures to protect the lives and homes of the people at all times transcends, in importance, all Party differences, welcomes the decision of His Majesty's Government to rely upon the voluntary services of the people.

The House, however, recommends that the results of the scheme for National Service proposed by the Government be reviewed by it at the end of March.

A review of the whole system, shortly, adds the Lobby Correspondent, will take into account the substantial body of Ministerial backbench opinion, which favours a stricter system.

Fifty Government supporters have already put down an amendment to the National Service plan, urging that it should be compulsory registration.

On December 19, the Socialist Opposition will move that "this House has no confidence in the foreign policy of the Government."—Reuter.

# Toys for Hire in Moscow

Moscow, Dec. 17.

The Christmas season is "toy season" in the U.S.S.R. as well as in almost the whole world. It seems that the problem of providing even poor children with playthings has been more adequately solved there than anywhere else as Moscow is apparently the only city in the world where toys can be hired for a small sum. Special shops are being operated where toys can not only be hired but exchanged for others once the children have grown tired of them. As the price of toys remains so high that very few people are wealthy enough to purchase any, the new system does a great deal to keep the younger generation cheerful.—Havas.

# Lord Nuffield Makes Another Donation

### Wingfield-Morris Hospital Given £31,303

London, Dec. 16.

Lord Nuffield today presented a cheque for £31,383 to the Wingfield-Morris Orthopaedic Hospital, Oxford—the money required for capital expenditure.

The gift is another example of Lord Nuffield's great interest in the development of orthopaedic services in Great Britain and the Empire.

His benefactions to this cause approximate a half million pounds sterling made up of gifts to hospitals in this country and in the Dominions of Australia, New Zealand and South Africa.

Lord Nuffield has taken a personal interest in the Wingfield-Morris Hospital, to which his gifts total, with his latest donation, £140,000.—Wireless through Reuter.

# Soviet-Polish Trade Parleys Opened

Moscow, Dec. 16.

M. Wychowski, representing the Polish Commerce Ministry, arrived here yesterday to open negotiations aimed at the development of trade between Poland and the Soviet. This is the first concrete step taken since the rapprochement between the two countries was announced at the end of November.—Reuter.


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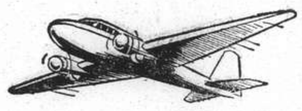

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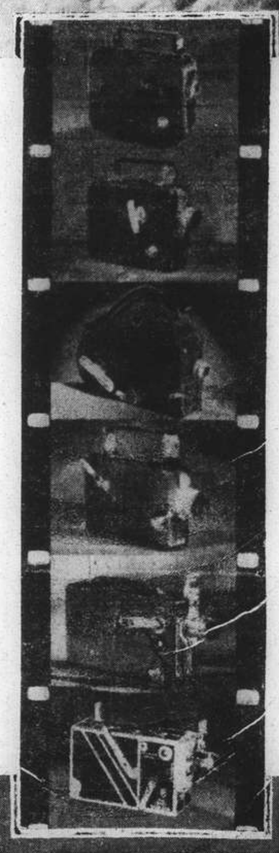

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# Japan's Asia Development Board Inaugurated

**Cabinet Chiefs Take Leading Posts Supported By Specialists; Chinese Affairs Dominated**

Tokyo, Dec. 16.

INAUGURATED as a central organ to deal with China affairs after months of planning, the long heralded Asia Development Board opened its offices this morning in the old building of the House of Peers. Four officials of the board were inducted into office by the Premier, Prince Ayamaro Konoye, at his official residence. They are Lt.-Gen. Heisuke Yanagawa, Secretary-General; Maj.-Gen. Teiichi Suzuki, Director of the Political Bureau; Mr. Shinrokuro Hidaka, Director of the Economic Bureau, and Mr. Takenosuke Miyamoto, Director of the Technical Bureau.

Parleys of the officials of the newly established Asia Development Board will replace the conferences of five Cabinet Ministers on China affairs, it was decided today. Diplomatic affairs which are outside the jurisdiction of the Board will as heretofore be considered by the five-Minister sessions.

The Premier, Prince Konoye is President ex officio of the board. The Foreign Minister, Mr. Hachiro Arita; the Finance Minister, Mr. Seihin Ikeda; the War Minister, Lt.-Gen. Seishiro Itagaki, and the Navy Minister, Admiral Mitsumasa Yonai, are Vice Presidents ex officio.

Lt.-Gen. Yanagawa, who commanded the expeditionary force in the Hangchow Bay landing on November 5, 1937, will serve concurrently as head of the Cultural Affairs Bureau.

A liaison committee will maintain contact between various government departments. A liaison department also will function as a contact agency between the board and Japanese authorities in China.

The board, under direct control of the Premier, will be in charge of the following affairs during the China hostilities:

1. Political, economic and cultural affairs which require action in China in connection with the hostilities, with the exception of diplomatic matters;
2. Formulation of policies relating to the above mentioned affairs;
3. Supervision of business corporations chartered by special legislation for conducting enterprises in China and also control of individuals doing business in China;
4. Unification and administration of China affairs handled by various governmental departments.—Domei.

**Local Office in Peiping**

Tokyo, Dec. 16.

The Japanese Government has decided to establish a liaison department of the China Affairs Board in Peiping about the middle of January, according to the "Asahi Shimbun."

The agency, it is stated, will be a purely local office for the co-ordination of Japan's policies there, replacing the "Special Service" department of the Japanese Army.

Major-General Seiichi Kita is to be the first director of the liaison department, assisted by Major-General Hiroshi Nemoto. Both are experts on China affairs and on intimate terms with the leaders of the Provisional Government.

Emphasis is placed on the fact that the liaison department is to be a local Japanese agency for unification on the spot of affairs connected with China. In view of Japan's basic policy that she has no territorial ambitions in China, it will not bear any suggestion of a "government-general" over North China, adds the "Asahi Shimbun."

The various local Japanese agencies throughout North China will remain as they are, pending complete establishment of peace and order.

**Three Sections Established**

The department is to be divided into three sections: general affairs (political), economic and cultural. However, as traffic and communications are considered important for national defence, a separate section for communications may be added.

The chiefs of the economic and cultural sections will be civil officials chosen from among Japanese experts.

A "Councillor" system is to be established in the department and Mr. Nichio Yuzawa, administrative adviser to the Provisional Government, Mr. Shigeo Odate, legal adviser, and Mr. Kiichi Sakatani, financial adviser, are to be the councillors.—Reuter.

# Constitutional Rule In Indian States

**British Government Not Bringing Pressure**

London, Dec. 16.

The Under Secretary for India, Lt.-Col. Muirhead, stated in the House of Commons today that in India the paramount power would not obstruct the proposals for constitutional advance initiated by the rulers of Indian states.

His Majesty's Government, however, he said, had no intention of bringing any form of pressure to bear upon them to initiate constitutional changes.

It rested with the rulers themselves to decide what form of Government they should adopt in the diverse conditions of the Indian States.

The obligations of the paramount power to the States extended to protecting the rulers against violence and disorder and to advising and assisting the rulers in remedying such legitimate grievances of their subjects as might be found to exist.—Wireless through Reuter.

# Guerillas Dispersed In North China

**Japanese Claim Position Much Improved**

Tokyo, Dec. 17.

Remnants of Chinese regulars and guerillas numbering about 8,000 were dispersed at various points in North China by Japanese forces from December 11 to 14, according to a dispatch from Peiping last night.

The Yoshizawa detachment based at Hiunghsien in Hopei on December 12 "crushed" about 1,500 guerillas in a clash about six kilometres south of the town, the message said. The Chinese left 140 dead, the report claimed.

Several thousand guerillas were attacked and routed by a Japanese detachment west of Weishan Lake near the border of Shantung and Kiangsu, north of Hsuchow, December 12, the dispatch stated.—Domei.

# Travellers' Funds Limited

**"Provisional Government" Issues Order Affecting North China Notes**

Peiping, Dec. 17.

The Executive Commission of the "Provisional Government" has issued a circular order to various provincial, municipal and district governments, under its jurisdiction, concerning travellers funds.

The Tientsin Municipality has recently petitioned the "Provisional Government" asking for instructions concerning steps to be taken with regard to the old legal tender notes that passengers coming to North China carry.

It says that reports have reached the Tientsin Municipality that old legal tender notes carried by north bound passengers have been confiscated at Tangku, which in the opinion of the Tientsin Municipality, is "arbitrary action taken without good reason."

After careful consideration, the Ministry of Finance, to which the petition has been referred by the Executive Commission, has decided on the following measures:

Firstly, no limitation will be imposed on travellers who bring bank notes whose circulation has been authorized in North China, if they can furnish proof that they are travelling between places under the jurisdiction of the Provisional Government.

Secondly, the amount that travellers are allowed to bring in or take out of Bank of China and Bank of Communications notes, bearing Tientsin, Tsingtao, Shantung, Tsinan, Chefoo, Lungkow, Weihaiwei and Linching as places of issue, is $500. For amounts over that figure a permit from the "Provisional Government" is required.

Thirdly, passengers are allowed to bring $1,000 in Japanese and Manchoukuo notes.

Fourthly, the entry of old legal tender notes bearing Central China and South China places of issue is strictly prohibited. Should passengers bring such notes into North China they will not be confiscated, but the notes will be detained and a receipt given by the Customs authorities at the port of landing.

Such funds will then be sent back to the original port of embarkation and, later, the owners may claim refunds from the Customs authorities there.

Notes carried by passengers in defiance of the above measures will be liable to confiscation.—Reuter.

# Japan to Peg Rice Price by Law

**New Corporation Will Control Output, Sale And All Distribution**

Tokyo, Dec. 17.

Legislation to charter a semi-official company styled the Rice Corporation capitalized at Y.30,000,000 to control rice distribution throughout the nation will be sought by the government at the forthcoming session of the Diet which opens on December 24.

Plans for the new company were formulated on the basis of recommendations of a rice distribution committee which has been studying question of supply and consumption of the staple food of the Japanese people for the past year.

The new corporation, which was forecast by the rice control law enacted in 1933, will replace the existing rice exchange by establishing and managing rice markets in important distribution centres, conducting transactions and supervising storage and transportation of the grain.

**Speculation to Be Banned**

After organization of the corporation all speculative transactions in rice will be forbidden and dealings will be limited to spot transactions. Prices will be pegged between the maximum and minimum figures fixed in accordance with the control act, thus stabilizing them.

Negotiations are going on between officials of the Ministries of the Ministries of Agriculture and Forestry and Commerce and Industry regarding allowances to be granted nineteen rice exchanges which will be liquidated and their 120 employes who will lose their jobs.

The Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry proposed that the allowances should amount to Y.3,000,000, while the Ministry of Commerce and Industry maintained that the grants should total Y.4,750,000.

Production cost of rice per koku, or five bushels, was Y.29.54 this year, an increase of 8.6 per cent. compared to the figures for last year.—Domei.

# Volunteer Air Observer Corps for Britain

**Typically British Form of Institution Developing**

London, Dec. 16.

Speaking today on the Volunteer Air Observer Corps, Sir Edward Campbell, M.P., said that it was a typically British institution organized on a volunary basis and attracting members by the opportunities which it offered for giving responsible national service in times of emergency.

The expansion of the Corps had kept pace with the ever increasing range of modern bombers.

The major part of the country was now, he said, generally covered by a network of posts.

During the crisis one Observer Corps were at their posts and the intelligence service was functioning within some two to three hours of the order being given to call them out.—Wireless through Reuter.

# Cardinal Hinsley Shows Sympathy for Arabs

**Commercial Interests Must Be Secondary**

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Dec. 17.

Cardinal Hinsley, Archbishop of Westminster, speaking at a luncheon yesterday, to inaugurate united Christian effort for peace in the Holy Land, expressed deep sympathy with the Arabs.

He said that the Government had done an immense amount of good since it had been entrusted with the Palestine Mandate.

He had observed, however, that, if a Government touched the language of the land of any people, it struck the most sensitive and vital part of its organization, and the land of the Arabs belonged to the Arabs.

The primary principle for colonizing or mandatory Powers, Cardinal Hinsley pointed out, was the well-being of the people.—Reuter.

# Parts of Kiangsu Under Yellow River Flood

**Dykes Near Kaifeng Give Way Under Pressure**

Chungking, Dec. 17.

The Hsinhua, Taichow, Kaoyu, Paoying, Tungtai and Yenchen districts, in north Kiangsu province, are submerged under Yellow River flood waters, according to the latest dispatches from Hwaiyin, in north Kiangsu.

The dispatches stated that the flood waters, after causing breaches in the dykes near Kaifeng, poured southward, entered the Hwai River, passed Hungtseh Lake, on the Anhwei-Kiangsu border, and entered Paoying and Kaoyu Lakes.

The waters then headed for the Yangtze River, between the Grand Canal and the dykes.—Reuter.

# Pan-American Move to Mediate in Spain

**Conference Approves U.S. Trade Declaration**

Lima, Dec. 17.

Senor Martinez Fraga, the Cuban delegate to the Pan-American Conference, has drafted a plan which suggests, in general terms, an idea of mediation in Spain. The plan must first go through the Agenda Commission of the Conference.—Reuter.

Lima, Dec. 16.

The delegations to the Eighth Pan-American Conference today unanimously approved the declaration submitted by the United States delegation for the removal of trade barriers.

The approval of this declaration pledged the entire continent, without dissent, to Mr. Cordell Hull's reciprocal trade programme. Coming at a time when Europe's economics as well as politics are in a most unstable condition, today's step was considered by observers here as being a signal victory for the United States.

Mr. Hull, U.S. Secretary of State and head of the U.S. delegation to the conference, expressed himself as being most gratified. He said he felt he had accomplished one of the three objectives the United States delegation had in mind when they came to Lima, although he recognized that the next two—continental solidarity and western hemisphere defence—were more formidable barriers.—United Press.


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| Piper Heidsieck (Sec, Demi-Sec, Extra Dry, Brut Extra) | $16 | Heidsieck (Sec & Demi-Sec) | $11.00 |

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| | | Per bottle |
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| Castillon 3 star | Quart | $6.25 |
| „ 5 star (20 years old) | „ | 8.75 |
| „ 5 star ( „ ) | Pint | 5.00 |
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# Holland Perfects Tandem Aircraft

### Speedy Fokker Fighter Monoplane Claimed New Advance in Efficiency

Amsterdam, Dec. 17.

A remarkable aeroplane, claimed to be something absolutely new in fighter aircraft, is announced by the Fokker Works of Amsterdam.

Unlike conventional machines, the Fokker D.23 fighter is a monoplane driven by two airscrews, turning in opposite directions, one fore and one aft of the fuselage. The latter is balanced in the middle of the wing in such a way that the pilot actually sits in front of the leading, or forward edge of the wing having an unimpeded view downwards.

The tail is carried between two slim booms, attached to the wing one on each side of the fuselage, so that the rear airscrew rotates in a hollow square formed by them with the tail.

This unusual construction is claimed to give the pilot a field of vision not hitherto attained by any single-seater fighter. Further the "tandem arrangement" of engines and airscrew is said to make the aeroplane more manœuvrable.

A further feature of this curious-looking machine is a tricycle undercarriage, with a third wheel in front, as adopted by many modern aircraft.

**Maximum Speed of 330 m.p.h.**

With two 520-horsepower engines the aeroplane has a guaranteed maximum speed of 330 miles per hour—comparable with the British "Hurricane" fighter. With Rolls Royce Merlin engines of 1,000 h.p. each it is stated that it will attain 387 m.p.h.

Recommended armament consists of two machineguns firing through the airserew, and two heavier guns firing special explosive bullets, which explode eight seconds after leaving the gun, at the rate of 1,000 rounds a minute. These are fitted at the points where the tail booms join the wing.

With one engine stopped the fighter can reach a height of 18,000 feet, or using both engines nearly 30,000 feet.

The cockpit, placed between the two engines, is provided with armour-plating to protect the pilot from bullets and shell splinters.—Reuter.

# Council Approves New Scale for Handcarts

### Loads and Licence Fees Revised for Next Year

Effective from July, 1937, the Shanghai Municipal Council, in order to encourage the use of pneumatic tyres, decided that half of the licence fees for handcarts be remitted for those fitted with pneumatic tyres in place of iron-rimmed wheels.

Consideration has recently been given by the Council to the proposal to permit pneumatic-tyred carts and trolleys to carry heavier loads than those prescribed under the existing licence conditions, whereby to induce owners to change over to pneumatic tyres and thereby reduce road maintenance costs. The extra loads proposed to be carried were shown to be quite within the capacity of the coolies to handle.

In consideration of the greater load capacities to be permitted, a revision of the scale of handcart licence fees was deemed necessary and equitable from the point of view of comparisons with the fees for other pneumatic-tyred vehicles. Accordingly, a new scale of weight categories and fees for pneumatic-tyred handcarts and trolleys has been adopted by the Council, based on the principle of half the fee of the corresponding iron-tyred cart with due proportionate increase for the greater load permitted.

It is proposed to introduce the new scales, which follow, with effect from July 1, 1939:—

Carts equipped with Iron Tyres:—

| lb. | Per Quarter |
|---|---|
| 500 carrying capacity (maximum) | $2.50 |
| 1,000 carrying capacity (maximum) | 7.00 |
| 2,240 carrying capacity (maximum) | 15.00 |
| 2,241 and over—by special arrangement. | |

Carts equipped with Pneumatic Tyres:

| lb. | Per Quarter |
|---|---|
| 750 carrying capacity (maximum) | $2.00 |
| 1,900 carrying capacity (maximum) | 6.00 |
| 2,240 carrying capacity (maximum) | 7.50 |
| 3,000 carrying capacity (maximum) | 10.00 |
| 3,001 and over—by special arrangement. | |

The above fees are subject to the present surcharge of 10 per cent. or to any other approved surcharge.

Necessary changes in the cart licence conditions involved by changes in the permissible loads will correspondingly be introduced from July 1, 1939.

# Amoy Island Returns To Normal

### Many Refugees Flock Back To City

Amoy, Dec. 17.

More than 80,000 Chinese refugees who fled to Kulangsu, Hongkong and Singapore when the hostilities spread to Amoy Island have returned here since the restoration of order, Japanese authorities announced today.

Peace and order are being kept by more than 300 police attached to the Peace Maintenance Commission and supervised by the Japanese Naval Landing Party. Some Chinese have come here from Foochow.

To assist the refugees the Japanese Army Special Service Section, which holds a leading position in directing affairs in the city, has taken measures to protect them and their property and has exempted the refugees from paying for water and power.—Domei.

# Chamberlain Visit to Rome Prepared

Rome, Dec. 17.

Lord Perth, the British Ambassador to Italy, visited Count Galeazzo Ciano yesterday, when it was believed that details regarding the times of appointments in connection with the forthcoming visit of Mr. Neville Chamberlain, British Prime Minister, were practically settled.

Count Ciano will leave Rome tomorrow for Budapest, where he will spend three days.—Reuter.

**Mr. Chamberlain and His Umbrella**

*Mr. Neville Chamberlain, the British Prime Minister, jokingly shows M. Daladier, the French Prime Minister, his now famous umbrella when he arrived at the Quai d'Orsay for their recent talks.*

# Warrant for Arrest of Japanese Don Juan

### Man Off with Y.300,000 and Two Women Clerks

Toyko, Dec. 15.

A warrant has been issued for the arrest of a Japanese Don Juan, Keishi Tanaka, 36, who is alleged to have swindled would-be house-hunters of Y.300,000 and to have disappeared with two of the women clerks he employed in his bogus real estate company.

Tanaka established his "company" last March with a mythical capital of Y.1,000,000. He took elaborate offices, hired about thirty women clerks, and started an advertising campaign to sell homes on a "pay-like-rent" basis.

Anyone wishing to own a Y.1,000 home had to pay three initial installments totalling Y.66, move into the house when it was built, and pay the balance in rent over a period of five years.

On completing their initial payments, would-be house-owners were told either that suitable sites for their new homes had not yet been found, or that the building plans were being revised.

One customer, exasperated by the delay, complained to the police, but, learning that they were about to investigate his affairs, Tanaka absconded. The women clerks he left behind had some of their salary due them, but the unkindest cut of all, according to the Japanese press, was that Tanaka had "toyed with their affections, and had given them all false hopes."—Reuter.

# Lanchow Headquarters Of Gen. Chiang

### Japanese Report States Friction Existing

Shihchiachwang, Dec. 17.

Gen. Chiang Kai-shek has decided to establish the general headquarters of the "eighth war zone" at Lanchow in Kansu province, with himself as Commander-in-Chief and Gen. Chu Shao-liang as his assistant, according to a press report received here today.

While directing military affairs in the north-western districts of Kansu, Chinghai and Sinkiang, Gen. Chiang can at the same time attempt to ease the reported friction between the Kuomintang and the Communists, the message said.

The location is advantageous also for supervising the transportation of military supplies from Russia. Establishment of the headquarters at Lanchow indicated that Gen. Chiang intends to "maintain the status quo" in those areas, the dispatch stated.—Domei.

# Million Mark Levy on Jews Overdue

### Many Unable to Pay Their Share of Huge Fine

Many Jews were unable to pay their share when the first instalment of the milliard mark levy, imposed on them for the killing of Herr Ernst von Rath, Secretary of the German Embassy in Paris, by a Jewish youth, fell due yesterday.

The instalment totalled 250,000 marks, payable by Jews with over 5,000 marks worth of property.

It was learned that only a small portion of those assessed were able to pay cash.

Some of the Jews instructed their banks to negotiate their securities, while others were arranging for mortgages on their property. Accordingly, many have not yet produced any part of their share.—Reuter.

# Princesses Send Gifts To Soldiers

Tokyo, Dec. 17.

Led by Princesses Terunomiya, Takanomiya and Yorinomiya, daughters of Emperor Hirohito, more than 700 pupils of the Peeresses' School will send "happy New Year" cards to soldiers at the fronts in China.

The cards will accompany various presents, such as paper birds, clay dolls and rice cakes, purchased from the savings of the students.

A sample of the greetings-written on the cards was as follows: "Thank you for your service at the front. How do you spend your New Year? Have you eaten your rice cakes?"—Domei.

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# Britain Investing In Education

### War Secretary Tells Of New Achievements; Pope Pius Praised

London, Dec. 16.

The Minister for War, Mr. Leslie Hore-Belisha, speaking at the opening of the extension of the Roman Catholic Convent school near Plymouth today said:

"Whatever the apparent defeats the humaner philosophies may undergo, they will triumph in the end by the irresistible power of the spirit.

"All over this country there are little retreats of religion and of learning and from them influences go out which strengthen and vitalize and humanize the nation. They are the pride of all denominations and this State has not only the wisdom to tolerate but to encourage them.

"We are fortunate to live in a country which, although compelled to devote a proportion of its resources nearly £1,000,000 a day—to armaments, is spending this year nearly £100,000,000 nearly £2,000,000 a week out of rates and taxes, on education.

**More and Better Schools**

"Our estimates indeed this year are, with the single exception of 1921, the largest ever presented. More and better schools are being provided classes have been reduced, opportunities for secondary education have been extended, school medical services have been improved and the school meals service greatly increased.

"Whereas in 1931 the total number of pupils at secondary schools was 411,309, the number rose in 1937 to 484,636.

"In 1931, 193,000 children were admitted without paying fees, compared with 225,000 in 1937. There has been an increase of 120 State scholarships to Universities during the past two years, of which 56 have been won by pupils from grant-aided schools.

"Every year some 360 state scholarships are awarded and there are some 1,700 local authority awards.

"But there is another reason why I come here so willingly.

"Other faiths besides the Catholic faith are under debt today to the Pope and to some of the Princes of your Church and whatever gratitude I can command I would desire to express it to you most reverently.

"Every age has known its martyrs and every age has produced its great men and among the noblest men of this age is the head of your Church."—Wireless through Reuter.

# Chinese Crew Leave Japan-Bound Ship

### Indian Crew Asked to Leave Vessel in England

London, Dec. 17.

The Chinese crew of a ship, at Wyvern-in-Tyne, yesterday left the vessel, which recently had been sold to the Japanese Government.

The crew departed when they found that the ship was going to Japan, with a cargo of scrap iron, to be broken up.

An Indian crew were signed on, but, according to the "Daily Herald," representatives of the China Campaign Committee last night approached the new crew with a telegram from the India League, appealing to them to leave the vessel.—Reuter.

# Mr. and Mrs. Eden Leave U.S. for London

New York, Dec. 16.

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Eden left for Plymouth this afternoon in the Queen Mary after their brief visit to the U.S. Mr. Eden, formerly British Foreign Secretary, had several conversations with President Roosevelt and other U.S. Government leaders. As he came here in an unofficial capacity, all subjects dealt with were generalized, informed sources revealed.—Havas.

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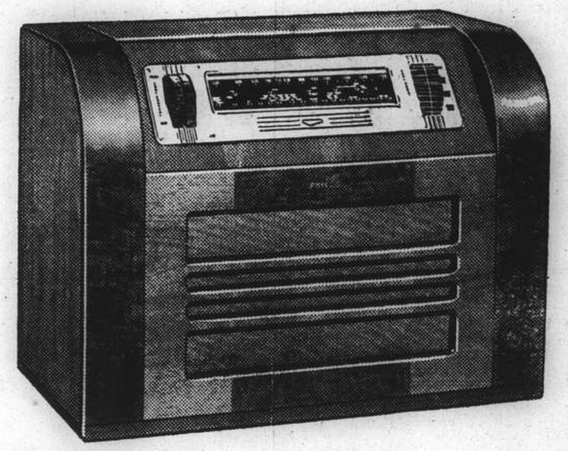

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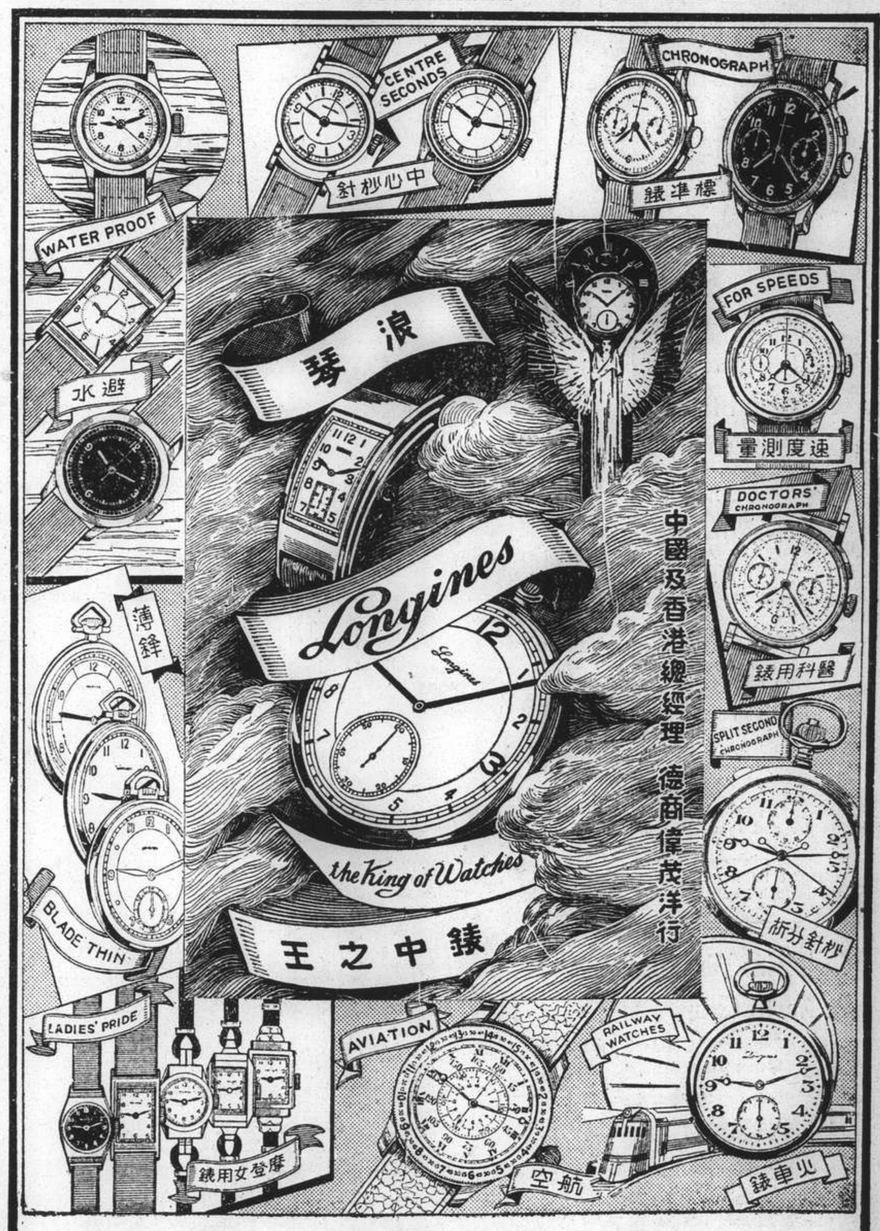


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## THE SPORTS PAGE

# Seaforths Score Equalizer in Last Minutes of Play

**Excitement Reigns as A.S.F.'s Lead Disappears; Roboostoff Arrives Late, Scores Twice**

THE replayed match between the Seaforth Highlanders and the Association Sportif Francaise at the Canidrome yesterday afternoon produced the best display of soccer seen in Shanghai this season. The score of 3-3, incidentally the first draw in the first division this season, fairly reflects the play of both sides, and was a very satisfactory result to an excellent game. True, the Highlanders left it very late before obtaining the equalizer, but their opponents would surely admit that they did extremely well under the handicap of having three of their players injured during the second half.

The outstanding player of the game was McAloon of the Seaforths who adopted the positions of right-half and an additional centre-half in support of Cheney, who was playing his first game for the first team, and playing very well.

Hans Park also played a glorious game at centre-half for the A.S.F. holding up the dangerous attacks of the "Jocks" again and again. Roboostoff was the most dangerous forward on the field, as usual, and the two goals he scored were typical of his methods, snapping up long forward passes and turning them into goals.

It looked at one time as if the A.S.F. was the team that was going to get two or three quick goals and hang on to the lead by playing a purely defensive game, but the Scots scored two themselves and consequently made the game a very open affair "right to the last drop."

Fraser scored a "hatrick" for the Seaforths, his first being a beauty which gave Remond absolutely no chance.

A.S.F.:—Remond; Collet, Neuborg Jesu, Park, J. Ward; Dongworth, Segalin, Roboostoff, Bossuet, Monnot.
Seaforths: — Atkinson; McDonald, Campbell; McAloon, Cheney, Duncan; Adams, McGuigan, Fraser, McShannon, Thompson.

**Roboostoff Arrives Late**

A.S.F. started the game with ten men, Roboostoff not having put in an appearance when the whistle started the game. He eventually arrived and had not been in the game for more than four minutes when he put his team one up from a perfect through pass. He snapped it up and, beating Campbell, went on to hit the ball into the net wide of the advancing Atkinson.

The Seaforths should have learned a lesson from this goal; but evidently they did not, for the same player again picked up the same sort of pass and promptly repeated his performance to the delight of the A.S.F. supporters. Things began to look bad for the Highlanders, but due solely to the tremendous efforts of McAloon, who never put a foot wrong, the Seaforths became an attacking force instead of the defending force; this player's good, clean, tackling and intelligent passing turned the game completely in the "Jocks'" favour.

After a very interesting period of good combination by both teams, in which Bossuet for the A.S.F. and the consistent McGuigan for the Seaforths excelled, Fraser scored the first goal for his side, a beautiful drive from the edge of the penalty area.

**Man of the Match**

The game was being played at a very fast pace, both teams doing excellent things with the ball, but McAloon was undoubtedly the man of the match. Cheney took over the duties of "policeman" to Roboostoff, McAloon becoming a defensive right-half and an attacking centre-half, a double duty which he carried out with great credit throughout the game.

The Seaforths were trying very hard to get the equalizer and their efforts met with success, when, following good work between McGuigan, who always seems to be a move or two in front of everybody else, and Adams, the latter swinging the ball into the goalmouth. Remond punched the ball clear of his backs to the feet of Fraser who shot the ball along the ground, to pass Remond and enter the net, making the score equal.

The A.S.F. gained the lead from a goal by J. Ward, who booted a tap back from Roboostoff well wide of Atkinson.

The A.S.F. attacked very strongly from the resumption, evidently working on the policy that a good attack is the best defence, and it certainly worked for they had the Scots on the defensive for the better part of this half. Without deprecating the sterling work of the A.S.F. team as a whole, mention must be made of the fact that the Seaforths were handicapped by injuries to three of their forwards, McShannon playing with his head bandaged, McGuigan limping from the result of a kick he received and Thompson being laid out from a collision with Collet.

The game seemed all over when the Seaforths set up an intensive attack on the left, McShannon putting through a perfect pass to Fraser who beat Remond. Intense excitement reigned at this period but there was no further scoring, although the French were pressing in the last three minutes, forcing two corners, which, however, proved abortive.

"N.C.D.N." Photo

**Collet up in The Air**

*Action in front of the A.S.F. goal in yesterday's first division soccer match at the Canidrome when the Seaforths made one of their forceful raids. From left to right: Neuborg, Remond, Collet, McGuigan and Hans Park.*

## Well-known Footballer Badly Injured

**A. Hurry Breaks Leg in Game with Recs**

A well known local soccer player was seriously injured on the Race Course yesterday afternoon when A. Hurry, the popular Police half-back met with an accident.

With only three minutes to go to full time the Recs were fighting hard for the extra goals and play was fast. Out on the right wing Oppenheim of the Recs and Hurry of the Police ran down the line after the ball. Just as they reached the ball the two players collided and fell to the ground. Oppenheim immediately jumped up to continue the play but Hurry rolled over on his back calling for help. The referee Mr. Beynon ran over and found that Hurry's right leg was broken near the ankle. First aid was applied on the field and the injured man removed by ambulance to the Country Hospital.

Hurry who is over 40 years of age is the oldest and most popular member of the Municipal Police soccer team and has been playing regularly since 1923. He served with the King Edward's Horse during the Great War and came to Shanghai soon after to serve in the Police.

It is reported that Hurry's leg is badly fractured and if this is the case it is possible that he may have to retire from active soccer. This is his first illness since joining the Police force and he will be off the active list for a period of about three months.

## *Local Soccer Results At a Glance*

Results of all league soccer matches played in Shanghai yesterday were:

JUNIOR CUP

Kwang Lou 2, Area Details 2 (unfinished)

1ST DIVISION

Seaforths 3, A.S.F. 3
S.M.P. 6, S.R.C. 4

RESERVE DIVISION

S.M.P. 1, Seaforths 1

2ND DIVISION

J.A.C. 5, Abteilung 0

3RD DIVISION

Game Postponed.

## *LOCAL SPORTS TODAY*

SOCCER:—Junior Cup 1st Round.—Tung Wen *v.* U.T. Party, Kiaochow, 2.30 p.m., F. C. Hale.
1st division.—Tung Hwa *v.* Surreys, Canidrome, 10.30 a.m., S. E. Burt. Line: J. Anderson, A. G. B. Carnell.
Reserve division.—Aurora *v.* Surreys, Kiaochow, 10.45 a.m., T. Z. Liu.
2nd division.—Russ Regt. *v.* J.A.C, R.G.5, H. A. Harrs; Area Details *v.* Sokol, S.R.C., A. Sinclair.
3rd division.—Russ. Club *v.* Betar, R.G.1, H. F. Marshall; P.T.H. *v.* Vitiaz, R.G.2, S. Neumann.
RUGGER:—2.15 p.m.—Police/Seaforths XV *v.* French Forces 2nd XV (Referee: E. R. West).
3 p.m.—Club 2nd XV *v.* Tung Wen College (Referee: R. D. K. Silby) (Invitation Series).
3.30 p.m.—Club 4th XV *v.* Area Details (Referee: G. D. Nicholl).
MEN'S HOCKEY:—3 p.m.—United "A" *v.* Seaforth (R.C. 3).
2nd division.—3 p.m.—Area Details *v.* S.M. Police (R.C. 6); 3 p.m.—J.A.C. *v.* German "B" (Kiaochow Park).
3rd division.—3 p.m.—S.H.C. "C" *v.* German "C" (R.C. 7).
WOMEN'S HOCKEY:—2nd division.—2.45 p.m.—Sokol *v.* Erin Villa "B" (R.C. 4).
PAPERHUNT:—Place of start and time to be announced today.
CROSS-COUNTRY:—8,000-metre run beginning at 7 a.m. from Majestic Road.

## Unusual Incident on Football Field

**Army Player Refuses to Be Sent Off**

An unusual incident took place at Kiaochow Park yesterday in the replay of the Junior Cup between Area Details and Kwang Lou when the referee quit the game five minutes from the end of play with the score tied at 2-all.

It happened when one of the Army players refused to be sent off of the field on being charged with intentional roughness. The referee gave him two minutes to walk out and as the offender refused to do so, after the time limit the arbiter stopped the game and made his exit.

Play was extremely close throughout the 85 minutes of contest. The first half ended in a scoreless draw. After the interval the soldiers scored two goals in succession. The first one came from a corner while the second shot was made from a penalty kick.

The Chinese fought very hard to reduce arrears. Both sides started to play roughly. As a result two penalty kicks were awarded to the Chinese who made no mistake to bring the score to a deadlock.

# Police Team Defeats Recs

**Fast Game Marred by Serious Injury to Hurry — Leg Broken; Big Early Lead**

THE Shanghai Recreation Club's soccer team suffered another defeat yesterday when they were beaten by the Police by 6 goals to 4 in a fast and hard fought game. As is reported elsewhere the game was marred by an unfortunate accident to Hurry of the Police within the last few minutes. The Police were by far the taller and heavier team and had an all round advantage, showing far better teamwork than their opponents although the Recs were very unlucky not to equalise the score.

The Police kicked off against a slight breeze and soon took up the attack. For the best part of the first half, play was fairly general and the Recs lost one or two admirable opportunities of scoring, but it was the Police who drew first blood after twenty minutes play.

Shute who was the star of the day ran from almost centre field with the ball at his feet, beat both of the defending backs, and had ample time to steady himself and score from a few yards out.

This success speeded up the Police attack and their accurate passing and clever interception of the ball brought off another break-through three minutes later which resulted in a corner. The kick was taken by Woodley who centred high and accurately to Shute who headed the ball in towards the goal. Franklin tried to hand the ball out but instead turned it against the post whence it rebounded into the net.

**Police Push Ahead**

Woodley, Shute and Clarke kept well down field and allowed the rest of the Police team to use blocking tactics with the Recs forwards whose passing and tendancy to dribble the ball instead of getting rid of it as quickly as possible was one of the main causes of their final defeat.

Five minutes from half time the ball came out to Shute in a long high pass from Turner and the three Police forwards dashed down for another score from Shute. This was quickly followed by S. Greenberg coming down the wing with the ball and, eluding the backs, he ran forward to score an easy fourth goal for the Police.

With the half time score standing at four-nothing against them, the Recs kicked off in the second half in a very half-hearted manner. It was not long before the Police forwards again got going and at the end of ten minutes had forced a corner which was taken by Woodley who again centred well for Shute to get another goal with his head.

Although the defensive tactics of the Recs were very weak the Club forwards tried their best to get past their heavier opponents and they at last succeeded in bringing about a scramble in front of the Police goal.

Favacho very cleverly drew Peasgood out of the goal and put over a pass to Markitant before the defender had time to get back into position. Markitant steadied himself and put in a low hard shot at an empty goal. Bader saw the ball going towards the net and tried to drop on it but was too late and the ball went into the net for the first point to the S.R.C.

This success seemed to put new life into the Recs and they went into the attack with renewed vigour which resulted in Greenberg, who had gone out to the wing for the second half, scoring one of the best goals of the game. Ward put in a hard swerving shot that slipped through after that.

The margin was reduced when Favacho and Aldeguer each scored with fine shots.

POLICE:—Peasgood, Gibson, Turner, Bader, Westwood, Hurry, Woodley, Ward, Shute, Greenberg, Clarke.
S.R.C.:—Franklin, Golkin, Greenberg, Baker, Symons, Oppenheim, Favacho, Mader, Burenin, Markitant, Aldeguer.
Referee. Mr. O. G. R. Beynon.


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# French Forces Inflict Heavy Defeat on Rugby Club

**Aggressive Play of Victors Beats S.R.U.F.C. 1st By 13-3 ; Brilliant Solo Dash by Pellegry**

PLAYING a most determined and aggressive type of game at the Race Course yesterday afternoon, the French Forces 1st XV, taking advantage of the few chances that came their way, inflicted a heavy defeat on the Club's first side, to win the match and the premier section of the Invitation Series by thirteen points (two placed goals and a penalty goal) to three (one try). The play never reached a high standard, foot rushes and loose mauls making the greater part of the afternoon, while the number of penalties awarded during the course of the game must have exceeded twenty. Although on the wrong side of the score, the Club, in many respects, were unlucky to lose, for they played at times brilliantly only to see golden chances thrown away when in threatening positions.

The Club pack had far the better of their opponents and for the first time this season Stourbe, the French hooker, found himself beaten more often than not for the ball, Burford proving his undoing, while the outsides always looked more dangerous than those of the Forces, but spirited and, at times, fierce French tackling upset almost every Club move and as time wore on, the winning side came into its own to consolidate its advantage and in the closing minutes never looked like losing.

Got, the French full-back, was the man of the match, his place and touch kicking, positioning and fielding being magnificent and to this slightly built veteran the winners have a lot to be thankful, he having extricated them from several nasty holes.

Dr. Carrel played his customary forceful game and held his forwards together well during one period of the second-half when they appeared thoroughly disorganized and likely to crumble under the sledge-hammer attacks of the Club. The period passed, however, and the pack came back with a will to put a strangle hold on all the Club's remaining efforts. Pellegry, the left winger, also showed up well, his second try, resulting from a wonderful 65 yards solo effort, being positively brilliant.

For the Club, Kennedy, Tay and Reynolds appeared the best of a good set of forwards, while the outsides, with the possible exception of Innes all did well, only the keen marking of the Frenchmen keeping them out. Rigg gave good support, but his usually reliable kicking failed to come off.

FRENCH FORCES 1ST XV: Got; Salhonnet, Richard, Lieut. Detrl, Pellegry; Coutouly, Mal; Laffond, Stourbe, Groland, Le Doze, Paumè, Meyer, Simon and Dr. Carrel.

CLUB 1ST XV: W. H. B. Rigg; J. W. M. Martin, A. P. D. Kennedy, R. H. Roe, P. J. A. Innes; G. M. Mills, T. R. Bassett; W. D. Pearson, J. F. Burford, R. A. O. Mayne, A. M. Kennedy, G. G. Brown, W. J. Richmond, R. U. Reynolds and P. B. Tay.

Referee: Mr. G. S. Dunkley.

**Mid-field Play**

The ground was in excellent condition when Roe kicked off for the Club and the huge crowd had visions of some fine football, but for the first fifteen minutes play consisted entirely of mid-field play, footrushes, long kicks to touch and one penalty after another for numerous infringements, both sides being equally guilty in this respect.

From a drop-out the French footed the ball up the field and with four forwards in close attendance, Rigg did well to touch down behind his own line to prevent what looked like a certain try. The French went over their opponent's line on three other occasions shortly after but each time the ball was either touched down or it rolled over the dead-ball line.

Shortly afterwards, the Club came into its own and secured the ball regularly from set scrums, Burford doing a thoroughly good job in the front row, but although the ball was heeled cleanly time after time, the civilians' outsides could not pierce an air-tight defence that was always up on the man with the ball. Nevertheless the Club always looked the more dangerous and only absolutely deadly tackling and determination to secure the ball at all costs saved the French from downfall.

Got and Rigg both failed in attempts to score penalty goals but the former with touch-kicks of sixty and more yards drove the Club back time after time.

Just as it appeared that the first half would be scoreless, Innes completely missed a pass from Roe and before he could recover Laffond had secured and was off on a long run. Confronted by Rigg some ten yards from the line, the French forward let the ball out to Pellegray who had no difficulty in going over in the corner. Got, with a splendid effort from a most difficult angle, added the extra points to place the French Forces five points ahead at the interval.

Immediately upon the resumption the Club threes went clean away but Innes dropped the final pass when placed in a favourable position.

Rigg then missed two shots at goal from penalties on the 25-yard line, and a fine effort by Tay and Richmond to force the ball over after a fine Club footrush was halted only in the nick of time. Several scrums on the French line then took place and with the Club pack doing its work well, Bassett slung out an excellent pass to Mills who in turn, handed on to Roe, the latter transferring to Martin. Rigg, backing up well, received the final pass and, unopposed, went over far out. His kick for goal failed.

And then Pellegry intercepted a Club pass ten yards inside his own half and running absolutely straight, left the Club defence standing and flat-footed, to finish off a spectacular dash by placing the ball underneath the posts. Got converted.

This seemed to infuse the Frenchmen with new life and they played up considerably better to have far more of the play and, to fill the Club's cup of sorrow, Got kicked a penalty from 35 yards following a Club infringement and after he had been allowed by the referee to retake the kick following the failure of his first attempt.

## *Hongkong Champions To Silkylight*

In the record breaking time of 2 minutes 21⅘ seconds, Mr. Eric Moller's Silkylight, with his son R. B. Moller in the saddle, repeated his victory of last year by winning the Hongkong Champions by many lengths at Happy Valley yesterday, the distance being 1¼ mile and the time being 2⅘ seconds faster than the previous record.

**Exciting Moment at Canidrome** "N.C.D.N." Photo.

*With the Seaforth Highlanders attacking vigorously, McAloon is seen leaping high to head the ball goalwards in yesterday's first division soccer match against the A.S.F. From left to right: McGuigan, McAloon, Jesu, Neuborg and Duncan.*

# Tommy Farr Given Severe Beating

**Lou Nova Whips Welshman More Decisively Than Did Joe Louis or Baer**

New York, Dec. 16.

Lou Nova of California became the outstanding "white hope" tonight when he gave Tommy Farr of Wales the worst beating of the former Welsh miner's eight-year boxing career at the Madison Square Garden.

Nova won the fifteen-round heavyweight bout after almost knocking out the game and rugged Welshman. He achieve what Joe Louis, Max Baer and Jim Braddock could not accomplish—he belted Farr groggy and had him staggering about the ring on the verge of a knockout in the fourteenth round when only the bell saved Farr from his first knockout.

The youthful Californian was unable to send in the fatal blows in the final round because he had shot his bolt in the fourteenth round.

Before the fourteenth round it was anybody's fight. But the fourteenth decided the battle, for Nova lashed his foe from pillar to post under a terrible barrage of deadly blows that sent Farr reeling blindly around the ring, attempting to hold on and save himself from being stretched.

A crowd of 10,443 paying spectators roared their approval of the furious fight throughout the fifteen rounds. There was plenty of action. The two slugged with fury and their exchanges brought the crowd to their feet on many occasions.

Farr weighed in at 203 pounds, while Nova tipped the scales at 199. Farr was 7 to 5 favourite to beat Nova because of the Californian's inexperience. Nova, however, was firmly backed by his admirers who emphasized that he had won about half of his 26 bouts by knockouts, while Farr is a "powder puff" puncher.

Nova's impressive victory caused sports writers to hail the Californian as a new "white hope" against Joe Louis, dusky holder of the world heavyweight championship.

Up to the fourteenth round there really was no outstanding round so close was the fight. But mid-way in the fourteenth, Nova "opened up." Farr swayed and reeled backwards in his own corner under the furious onslaught.

**Referee Intervenes**

The referee, Eddie Joseph, intervened at this moment, and as Farr fell on the ropes and slipped down he counted "one." Nova, thinking that the referee had intervened in order to award him a technical knockout victory, started for his own corner. He stopped, however, when he saw Farr rise and stagger toward the middle of the ring.

He closed in and Farr absorbed more punishment and was about to slip to the canvas for good, when the bell clanged and the round came to an end.

Nova was tired and when he came out for the fifteenth and final round he could not send in a really damaging blow. His punches seemed to have lost all their steam and though he did tag Farr on several occasions, the Welsh miner shook the blows off with ease.—United Press.

## *Foreign Football XI*

The following players have been honoured by being selected to play on the Foreign XI in the Marine Engineers' Charity Cup Match on December 26 at the Canidrome.

C. Atkinson (Seaforths), G. Collet (A.S.F.), L. Marcal (Lusit.), W. Westwood (S.M.P.), D. McCusker (Seaforths), A. Symons (S.R.C.), R. Favacho (S.R.C.), E. McGuigan (Seaforths), W. Fraser Seaforths), L. Rozario (Lusit.), H. Peachey (Seaforths), Reserves.—F. Peasgood (S.M.P.), A. Turner (S.M.P.), Pte. Hale (Surreys), Bdm. Waters (Surreys).

Players are requested to be at the Canidrome dressing rooms at 1.45 p.m. on December 26 where all parts of the uniform will be provided excepting boots. Those unable to play are to communicate with M. Spiegler or S. V. Gash.

# Stirring Eulogy to Memory of Shelaeff

**San Francisco Boxing Fraternity at Funeral**

San Francisco, Dec. 16.

George Payne, chairman of the California State Athletic Commission, delivered a stirring eulogy today to the memory of Andre Shelaeff, Shanghai boxer who passed away here on Monday night following a bout with George Salvadore.

"He was a thorough sportsman and a clean living youngster—a young man who will forever remain a credit to boxing," Mr. Payne said during the funeral services over the body of the dead boy.

Other commissioners echoed Mr. Payne's sentiments, and the entire San Francisco boxing fraternity attended the burial in the Cemetery.

The Commission is planning to send a letter of condolence to Shelaeff's mother and father in Harbin.—Reuter.

## Los Angeles Fight

Los Angeles, Dec. 13.

George Crouch, 137 pounds, beat Ritchie Fontaine, 136, in a ten-round bout tonight.

The local negro proved too good for the lad from Butte and outclassed him. Fontaine was game and tried hard, but the hard-hitting negro was all over him most of the rounds and severely punished him with blows to head and body.—United Press.

# Police Come Back With a Vengeance To Trounce Club's 3rd XV

**Reynolds Leads Lawmen in Powerful Last Period Rally After Being Six Points Behind**

Six points down at one period of the second-half, the heavy Police forwards went into action with a will at the Race Course yesterday afternoon in the final game of the third group of the Invitation Series, and by forcing their way through their smaller but, nonetheless, determined opponents, shoved their way to success to down the Club 3rd XV by ten points (two placed goals) to six (one try and a penalty goal), and gain first place in the junior section of the Series.

Reynolds, the Police hooker took all the honours, he being head and shoulders above any one else on the field. He secured the ball in set scrums with monotonous frequency and in the loose was positively brilliant, his long swerving runs being a continual threat to the harassed Club defenders, while his work in the lineouts and footrushes was always constructive. His tackling was fierce throughout and rarely did any opponents escape his well-timed dives at their legs. He has played well all the season and is well deserving of inclusion in senior local fifteens.

Henchman led the Police pack in a very able manner and well supported by McKeown, Killingbeck and Hocking, was responsible for the final drive that spelt disaster for the Club.

Thomas, Blackwood, Ward and Carey did excellent work for the Club.

The Police were inclined to take matters lackadaisically in the first period, and only after being six points down, did they realize that defeat stared them in the face. They then went about their business in an aggressive manner and shoved the Club all over the field, securing the ball time after time, only poor handling among the threes preventing a much heavier defeat for the Club.

POLICE: J. D. Killingbeck, L. A Cockburn, A. Hartley, J. MacFarlane, C. J. W. Fallace; P. J. Kelly, L. R. Hocking; H. Newell, G. H. Reynolds, T. E. Dearn, H. Edgar, A. T. E. Reece, F. T. McKeown, A. J. Buxton and D. B. Henchman.

CLUB 3RD XV: W. P. Hetherington, E. S. Blackwood, K. Okimoto, S. J. Ward, B. H. McMichael; A. Thomas, R. Laird; M. O. Liddell, T. D. Adams, J. W. Chapman, A. L. A. Bonbernard, J. R. Blaikie, L. D. M. Beattie, F. R. L. Carey and F. W. Gilbert.

Referee: Mr. D. W. Leach.

The first twenty minutes saw the Club coming very close to opening their account on several occasions, only sterling work by Killingbeck and Hocking keeping them out. Blackwood, Ward and Laird presented a constant threat to the Police.

Several footrushes in and near mid-field were indulged in by the Police forwards who, however, seemed to be taking matters too easily with the result that all their attempts were easily frustrated.

Shortly prior to the interval the Club threes went through an orthodox passing movement that put Blackwood in possession for him to go over far out for an unconverted try.

Following the resumption a good Club movement took the ball fifty yards down the field, the Police then being penalized for offside. Thomas made no mistake with a beautiful kick to put the Club six up.

The Police then put their backs to the wall and with Reynolds playing an inspired game, swept the Club players off their feet. Reynolds went off on several solo runs and was unlucky not to get through on at least four occasions. Eventually, however, the pressure told, and after the Police had taken the ball at their feet in a good rush, Reynolds secured and, eluding three defenders, passed to Hocking who scored easily. Fallace converted with a good kick.

The Club managed to break away a few times and once Thomas narrowly missed with a penalty but the pace that the weighty Police was setting began to tell its tale and after the forwards had again shoved the Club pack on its backs, the ball was taken over the line for McKeown to add the final touch. Fallace again converted to put the issue beyond doubt.

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# Night Express Wins Again

## Felixstowe Takes Second with the Favourite Running Third; Only One Big Dividend

By "The Chaser"

NIGHT Express scored his third consecutive victory yesterday when the Shanghai Race Club held their Fourteenth Extra Race Meeting, and defeated a good field to win the principal event of the day by a length and a half from Felixstowe, while Rain, the most popular pari-mutuel fancy in the race, was third a length away.

Night Express got off to his usual lead soon after the tape was lifted and was followed by two lengths by Rain while Felixstowe was also two lengths behind. The field was about four lengths behind Felixstowe. The position was unchanged all the way until opposite the stands where Felixstowe challenged the leaders and passed Rain but could not overtake Night Express. Bober was boxed in all the way and could not find an opening until the last moment when he came with a spirited rush and was fourth.

The course was a "rubber" one owing to Friday's drizzle and the time of 2.22.4 for nine furlongs made by Night Express is really very fast and many were of the opinion that if the course had been fast and dry the record for nine furlongs would have been broken.

Racing, on the whole, was good yesterday although the fields were rather small. Favourites could not oblige in every race; in fact, only one favourite, Sky Raider, was returned the winner, but well-fancied ponies and second favourites kept the day going and the punters in a good mood. There was only one serious fly in the punters' ointment and that was, Mercury, who won the fourth race to pay to his lucky backers $106.40 for a win ticket. Gabor Renner had a field day and scored three wins including the big race of the day on Night Express.

### White Birthday Leads

Six ponies lined up for the start of the first race and were sent off together. White Birthday paced the field all the way while the rest bunched closely. At the last quarter, Off Chance and Little Joe were running beside White Birthday but when the field entered the straight Little Joe dropped back and Port Bradda drew up. Athenian Knight was held well back during the earlier part of the race but came from nowhere to pass the leaders and win fairly easily by a length and a half.

Renner scored his first win of the day on Sammy in the second race when he galloped away to a three-length victory to beat Wet Morn and Going Slow. Romford paced the field until the Monument where Sammy forged ahead. Sammy entered the straight with two lengths to his advantage and was never headed.

The novice race fell to Claverton who, ridden by his owner, easily beat Gilt Edge by three lengths while Morning Glory came with a burst to take third place. Record Mark and Loch Rannoch made the running until the last quarter when Sundridge Park and Claverton got in front.

### Gram Unlucky

Gram was very unlucky in the fourth race when his pony, Port St. Mary, swerved at the start and was left by nearly ten lengths, but he slowly caught up and was well placed when the Monument was reached. Mercury, Port St. Mary and Fairy Starling came round the bend slightly ahead of the field with the exception of Elopement who was nearly ten lengths behind. Mercury led opposite the stands and when Port St. Mary challenged he drew further away and won by three lengths.

Sparkfoot pulled a fast one on the field in the fifth race when they let him get away to such a big lead that when he had reached the three quarter mile post it was a foregone conclusion that he would win and several of the backers of the other ponies tore their tickets in disgust. Sparkfoot entered the straight with about ten lengths to spare and although challenged by Roehampton was never in danger of being beaten.

Sky Raider was sold at the auction to Mr. R. H. McNair for $900.

1.—Race. 11 furlongs.
**Athenian Knight** (So & So) 150 J. B. Lok 1
**White Birthday** (Jumirian) 156 V. L. Xavier 2
**Off Chance** (Anvil) 140 R. Morgan 3
Also ran:—Port Bradda (G. P. Gram), Sumatra (M. H. Feeney), Little Joe (Gabor Renner).
Won by 1½ length; a head.
Time, 3.04⅘ sec.
Forecast Pool Race X2. Winning Combination 6/5. Dividend $262.
Win, $46.60. Places, $14.60, $8, $16.

2.—Race. 9 furlongs.
**Sammy** (Jewell) 158 Gabor Renner 1
**Wet Morn** (Henry White) 158 R. D. Parkin 2
**Going Slow** (E. M. H.) 158 E. B. Cumine 3
Also ran:—Evesham (S. Y. Sung), Duke of Cornwall (R. Morgan), Romford (V. L. Xavier), Cherrybey (F. Noodt).
Sweep: (1) 469, (2) 407, (3) 620.
Unplaced: 554, 87, 140, 227.
Won by 3 lengths; 1 length.
Time, 2.27⅘ sec.
Forecast Pool Race Y2. Winning Combination 4/5. Dividend $96.40.
Win, $22. Places, $7.80, $8.40, $6.40.

3.—Race. 1 mile.
**Claverton** (Jumiriam) 156 V. L. Xavier 1
**Gilt Edge** (Sing Foong) 162 G. V. Cherdynzeff 2
**Morning Glory** (Morning) 147 P. Chen 3
Also ran:—Houdini (F. X. Diniz), Welfenfels (L. C. Kew), Record Mark (M. Perske), Scarlet Morn (G. R. Cheape), Loch Rannoch late Huntley Watch (R. H. Robertson), Royal Scot (E. J. Bell), Sundridge Park (A. V. Striker).
Sweep: (1) 167, (2) 312, (3) 464.
Unplaced: 135, 137, 227, 91, 140, 69, 617.
Won by 3 lengths; ¾ length.
Time, 2.14 sec.
Win, $23.40. Places, $8.60, $8.60, $14.20.

4.—Race. 9 furlongs.
**Mercury** (Jewell) 152 Gabor Renner 1
**Port St. Mary** (Manxman) 155 G. P. Gram 2
**Fairy Starling** (G. C. Shaw) 155 F. Noodt 3
Also ran:—Elopment (J. B. Lok), Duke of York (M. Perske), Downside (Y. S. Chang), Blenheim (R. D. Parkin).
Sweep: (1) 607, (2) 132, (3) 407.
Unplaced: 609, 324, 220, 616.
Won by 3 lengths; ¾ length.
Time, 2.27⅘ sec.
Forecast Pool Race Z2. Winning Combination 2/1. Dividend $263.20.
Win, $106.40. Places, $10, $5.60, $10.20.

5.—Race. 9 furlongs.
**Sparkfoot** (A. H. George) 152 G. P. Gram 1
**Roehampton** (A. S. Henchman) 158 A. F. Clark 2
**The Swan** (Winsome & Hasty) 155 F. Noodt 3
Also ran:—Going Haywire (E. B. Cumine), Mefistofele (J. B. Lok).
Sweep: (1) 346, (2) 297, (3) 647.
Unplaced: 627, 249.
Won by 2 lengths; many lengths.
Time, 2.28⅕ sec.
Forecast Pool Race A3. Winning Combination 5/4. Dividend $61.20.
Win, $28.60. Places, $7.60, $6.60.

6.—Race. 9 furlongs.
**Night Express** (R. H. McNair) 160 Gabor Renner 1
**Felixstowe** (A. S. Henchman) 156 A. F. Clark 2
**Rain** (Mrs. Jack Liddell) 157 H. Maitland 3
Also ran:—Bober (T. L. Wong), Busted Straight (G. P. Gram), Ancient Ensign late Ming Rui (M. H. Feeney), Ancient Tower (Y. S. Chang), Magic Eve (John Sparks), New General (F. Noodt), Honeymoon Gift (J. B. Lok).
Sweep: (1) 312, (2) 656 (3) 694.
Unplaced: 429, 337, 620, 717, 446, 277, 709.
Won by 1½ length; 1 length.
Time, 2.22⅘ sec.
Win, $23. Places, $8, $11.60, $7.

7.—Race. "B" CLASS. 9 furlongs.
**Kanoungtoe** (Hans Luft) 149 R. Morgan 1
**Loch Mhor** (Yulee) 152 G. P. Gram 2
**The Midget** (M. L. B.) 144 R. D. Parkin 3
Also ran:—Toodle-do (E. B. Cumine), Dow Jones (H. Maitland), Merry Memories (A. C. Kew), The New China (F. Noodt), The Frigate (Y. S. Chang).
Sweep: (1) 212, (2) 508, (3) 313.
Unplaced: 129, 339, 216, 209, 232.
Won by a neck; short head.
Time, 2.30⅘ sec.
Forecast Pool Race B3. Winning Combination 2/1. Dividend $139.20.
Win, $35.60. Places, $9.80, $8.80, $21.

8.—Race. ¾ mile.
**Sky Raider** (Alliance) 161 S. Y. Sung 1
**Thirteen Black** (R. H. McNair) 148 G. P. Gram 2
**Mimulus** (Dod) 150 John Sparke 3
Also ran:—Don Agustin (J. B. Lok), Belvedere (E. B. Cumine), Smart Morn (H. M. Pih), Record Mark (V. L. Xavier).
Sweep: (1) 216, (2) 554, (3) 262.
Unplaced: 218, 556, 255, 628.
Won by 1½ length; ½ length.
Time, 1.36⅕ sec.
Forecast Pool Race C3. Winning Combination 6/4. Dividend $81.20.
Win, $11.40. Places, $6.60, $7.80, $8.80.

# Kohnert Maintains His Singles Leadership

## Watton Leaps from 18th Place to 3rd

A great fight was seen in the second round of the Men's Singles Duck Pin Championship at the Columbia Country Club last night when a good portion of the contenders showed fine form, getting well above the 300 mark.

By scoring 361 pins, Wally Kohnert is still in the lead with an aggregate of 697. Messersmith scored 356 to win a total of 682. These two stars become the second highest bowler are expected to have a torrid struggle when the final takes place at the Foreign Y.M.C.A. next Wednesday.

Last night's highest single was registered by Watton, who chalked up 157. Scoring 357, he rose from 18th to 3rd. The next highest jumper was Pote-Hunt, leaping from 17th to 4th. Complete results to date follow:—

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Kohnert | 124 | 127 | 110 | 361 | 697 |
| Messersmith | 150 | 103 | 118 | 356 | 682 |
| Fuller | 97 | 116 | 139 | 352 | 662 |
| Watton | 104 | 96 | 157 | 357 | 656 |
| Pote-Hunt | 117 | 102 | 137 | 356 | 650 |
| Ramsey | 113 | 103 | 105 | 321 | 647 |
| Hilden | 155 | 120 | 91 | 346 | 644 |
| Gonsalves | 100 | 135 | 96 | 331 | 641 |
| Fiori | 94 | 105 | 119 | 318 | 640 |
| Moseler | 94 | 108 | 115 | 317 | 639 |
| Rayden | 91 | 90 | 166 | 347 | 639 |
| Fitzjarrell | 122 | 97 | 93 | 317 | 635 |
| Gray | 113 | 123 | 100 | 336 | 636 |
| Deegan | 101 | 94 | 107 | 302 | 630 |
| Davis C.M. | 89 | 125 | 91 | 305 | 615 |
| Cushman | 88 | 113 | 96 | 297 | 614 |
| Cameron | 107 | 109 | 98 | 314 | 610 |
| Hebel | 100 | 90 | 89 | 279 | 609 |
| Henningsen | 118 | 99 | 108 | 325 | 606 |
| Cuthbert | 86 | 105 | 119 | 310 | 606 |
| Heckel | 110 | 119 | 107 | 336 | 602 |
| Huebner | 99 | 101 | 112 | 312 | 597 |
| Chanturai | 106 | 103 | 93 | 302 | 596 |
| Blackwood | 110 | 89 | 88 | 287 | 596 |
| McClellan | 106 | 96 | 96 | 298 | 594 |
| Larcher | 126 | 87 | 98 | 311 | 589 |
| Inwood | 93 | 100 | 93 | 291 | 583 |
| Bardwill | 92 | 88 | 97 | 277 | 581 |
| Quinn | 98 | 90 | 97 | 285 | 581 |
| Cardwell | 98 | 106 | 109 | 313 | 581 |
| Dalton | 98 | 99 | 103 | 300 | 576 |
| Bourne | 89 | 92 | 103 | 284 | 566 |
| Xavier | 98 | 93 | 93 | 284 | 556 |
| Winecoff | 100 | 109 | 87 | 296 | 553 |
| Ashley | 88 | 89 | 81 | 258 | 535 |

# Fine Victory for Hockey Club

## Germans Succumb by 3-0 In First Division Game; Shellam Outstanding

Playing their best game of the season in spite of the absence of Capt. Cole, who was on the injured list, the Shanghai Hockey Club scored a fine victory over the Germans in a First Division match at the Race Course yesterday by three clear goals. The victory put the S.H.C. XI in a position to combat the United "A" for the championship of the local League.

Shellam was the spearhead of attack, being always there to break into the German defence.

GERMANS:—Schoemann, Von Aster, Schroeder, Droesse, Remmele, Melchers, Guenter, Berg, Wetzell, Wiecke, Daeumling.

S.H.C. "A":—J. Pullen; H. K. Cassels, H. A. Crickmer; C. E. Broadbent (Capt.) D. S. Harley, B. K. Wallace, J. S. Kenyon, L. G. Shellam, A. Maude, J. W. Pote-Hunt, R. J. Parsons.

### Only Ten Men

The Club started with only ten men, Parsons was a late-comer, getting into the game after about five minutes play. In the 8th minute Harley almost scored from a short corner when his shot was saved by Goalkeeper Schoemann. Shortly afterwards, Parsons missed a great chance in front of the goal as he mishit a pass from Harley following a free shot near the edge of the circle.

In the 12th minute, Maude put in extra work to chase a fast rolling ball. He passed to Kenyon and the latter took a quick drive. The ball was lifted into the top corner of the net. The Germans fought back but Goalkeeper Pullen twice saved, once from Wiecke and another time from Berg.

Midway in the period Shellam had the misfortune of missing a golden opportunity. He worked the ball through and with only Schoemann to beat flicked the ball into the side net. The leaders lost no heart and continued to press. Maude shot wild when he was in a fine position. In the other end of the field Daeumling mishit a pass from Berg. The German outside right was uncovered in front of the goal but his action was too slow and the ball sizzled past him before he could knock it.

After the interval the Germans were again hard pressed. In the 5th minute Pote-Hunt and Shellam rushed the ball into the net and increased the margin to 2-0. Shellam nearly tallied the winners' third goal. The efforts of Schoemann stopped a hard shot. Later on, Schoemann prevented another goal by stopping Keyon's drive. Pote-Hunt also threatened but the German keepr was steady as a rock.

In the S.H.C. half Harley saved a certain goal from Wetzell at the expense of an abortive short corner, Berg firing the ball to the wrong side of the post.

Five minutes from the end, Shellam netted a pretty goal all on his own. Broadbent started the play. Maude and Kenyon assisted in giving the ball to Shellam, who carried it through the opposition and slipped past Schoemann. The Germans almost scored in the last two minutes when a forward pass was nullified by Pullen, who ran out of his charge and kicked away the incoming shot.

# Mrs. Malleck Remains In Top Position

## Miss Volein Makes High Score in Singles

Mrs. Malleck continued to lead a field of 21 competitors in the Ladies Singles Duck Pin Championship at the American Club last night when the second round was played off. She scored 291 to pile up a total of 613.

Miss McIntyre was in the next position with an aggregate of 287 while Miss Volein rolled a high 316 score to jump from 13th place to third, being only one pin behind the runner-up.

Results up to date are as follows:—

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mrs. Malleck | 106 | 95 | 90 | 291 | 613 |
| Miss McIntyre | 94 | 96 | 94 | 284 | 587 |
| Miss Volein | 104 | 114 | 98 | 316 | 586 |
| Mrs. McClellan | 94 | 84 | 100 | 278 | 582 |
| Mrs. Jensen | 109 | 92 | 98 | 299 | 574 |
| Mrs. Schuster | 80 | 83 | 100 | 263 | 571 |
| Mrs. Dalton | 94 | 93 | 90 | 277 | 555 |
| Mrs. Geibel | 88 | 90 | 99 | 277 | 551 |
| Mrs. Kwok | 85 | 93 | 84 | 262 | 545 |
| Mrs. Lamneck | 84 | 86 | 98 | 268 | 541 |
| Miss Hykes | 95 | 91 | 82 | 268 | 540 |
| Mrs. Horton | 86 | 85 | 102 | 273 | 538 |
| Mrs. Cardwell | 102 | 90 | 93 | 265 | 530 |
| Mrs. Deegan | 84 | 82 | 87 | 253 | 529 |
| Mrs. Zee | 91 | 86 | 87 | 264 | 527 |
| Miss Kimball | 85 | 88 | 82 | 255 | 519 |
| Mrs. Harvey | 86 | 80 | 82 | 248 | 519 |
| Mrs. Collaco | 84 | 86 | 84 | 254 | 504 |
| Mrs. Limann | 84 | 82 | 86 | 252 | 499 |
| Mrs. Coffman | 75 | 88 | 77 | 240 | 494 |

# *Paperhunt Today*

The fourth hunt of the season will be held this morning at 11 o'clock and will be laid in the Minghong district again by Drs. J. Edgar and D. L. McWhirter. The start will be at Black Friar's Bridge, near London Town. The finish, as usual will be announced after the hunt has started. Blue and white paper will be laid. Spectators should proceed to the start via Chung San Road as the bridge over Siccawei Creek is at present closed to traffic.

# Home Soccer Results

London, Dec. 17.

Following are the results of the League soccer matches played today:—

### English League

First Division

Arsenal 4, Stoke City 1
Astoin Villa 2, Leeds United 1
Blackpool 2, Birmingham 1
Brentford 2, Manchester United 5
Derby County 1, Middlesbrough 4
Everton 1, Charlton Athletic 4
Grimsby Town 6, Leicester City 1
Huddersfield T. 3, Preston North End 0
Portsmouth 2, Chelsea 1
Sunderland 2, Liverpool 3
Wolverhampton W. 1, Bolton W. 1

2nd Division

Blackburn Rovers 4, Plymouth A. 0
Bradford 4, West Bromwich A. 4
Bury 3, Tottenham Hotspur 1
Chesterfield 7, Nottingham Forest 1
Fulham 1, Sheffield United 2
Manchester City 4, Norwich City 1
Millwall 2, Luton Town 1
Sheffield Wednesday 4, Burnley 1
Swansea Town 0, Newcastle United 1
Tranmere Rovers 1, Conventry City 2
West Ham United 1, Southampton 2

Third Division (Southern)

Aldershot 2, Bournemouth & B.A. 1
Bristol City 2, Walsall 1
Clapton Orient 1, Ipswich Town 1
Crystal Palace 6, Mansfield Town 2
Newport County 2, Reading 0
Northampton Town 2, Bristol Rovers 1
Notts County 4, Brighton & H.A. 3
Port Vale 2, Southend United 2
Swindon Town 2, Exeter City 1
Torquay United 1, Cardiff City 3
Watford 4, Queen's Park Rangers 1

Third Division (Northern)

Carlisle United 0, Bradford City 2
Crewe Alexandra 0, Hull City 1
Darlington 3, Chester 3
Doncaster Rovers 3, Stockport County 1
Gateshead 0, New Brighton 3
Hartlepools United 1, Barrow 2
Rochdale 2, Barnsley 1
Rotherham United 2, Accrington S. 1
Southport 4, Lincoln City 1
Wrexham 3, Halifax Town 2
York City 4, Oldham Athletic 1

### Scottish League

First Division

Arbroath 3, St. Johnstone 1
Celtic 3, St. Mirren 2
Falkirk 2, Partick Thistle 5
Hearts 2, Hamilton Acas. 3
Kilmarnock 1, Clyde 4
Motherwell 3, Hibernian 2
Queen of the South 3, Queen's Park 2
Raith Rovers 1, Albion Rovers 1
Rangers 5, Aberdeen 2
Third Lanark 3, Ayr United 2

2nd Division

Airdrieonians 4, St. Bernards 3
Brechin City 2, Dunfermline Athletic 2
Cowdenbeath 6, Edinburgh City 1
Dumbarton 2, Montrose 2
Dundee 1, Alloa 4
East Fife 2, Stenhousemuir 4
Forfar Athletic 2, Dundee United 1
King's Park, Morton, Postponed, ground unfit
Leith Athletic 6, East Stirlingshire 3
—Reuters.

# East Surreys' Hockey Men Defeat Club

## Pike Scores First Three Goals of Encounter

The East Surrey Regiment experienced no difficulty to vanquish the Shanghai Hockey Club "B" XI at the Race Course yesterday and relegated the opponents to the bottom of the First-Division by a score of five nothing. Pike, outside left, performed a hattrick by countering the first three goals in the pan, having good share of play in the first five minutes. In the 8th minute Pike scored an oblique shot as he cut in from the left. Having once found the way to score, the soldiers pressed persistently. Capt. Clift at centre-half made several beautiful moves but the forwards lacked finishing touch.

In the 15th minute Pike broke away for the second time. He was sent through by Gilbody and, beating the backs, placed the ball well out of Brazel's reach.

The Club forwards rallied desperately. Watkin-Williams tried a few runs on the right flank but his sendings were always cleared by the defenders, who never allowed the civilian vanmen to find the time to shoot.

EAST SURREY:—Johnson, Moore, Le Clair, Hill, Clift, Swanson, Kerrick, McClarty, Gibbs, Gliboy, Pike.

S.H.C. "B":—E. Brazel; J. H. Blakelock (Capt.), E. Beeching; J. Yarsen E. W. Price, W. M. Macoustro; P. Watkin-Williams, G. A. Churchill, T. G. C. Knight, J. Robertson, G. J. Read.

### Minor Matches

In an important tussle in the Second Division the United "B" were held to a tie of 2-all by the Seaforth Highlanders and dropped a valuable point for the first time in five stars.

In the Third Division the United "C" fell victims at the hands of the Khalsa Sporting Association by 5 goals to 1 in another minor game at the Race Course yesterday. Khalsa has been unbeaten up to the present and the United were the only ones to score a goal against them.

# *Louis to Meet Lewis January 25*

New York, Dec. 16.

The date for the heavyweight championship fight of the world between Joe Louis, the titleholder, and John Lewis, world negro light-heavyweight champion, was fixed for January 25 today when the two men signed a contract to go fifteen rounds in Madison Square Garden.—United Press.

# Hai-Alai Championship Begins Today

The opening gun of the first of the Auditorium's 1939 championship series will be fired at the popular Avenue du Roi Albert fronton this afternoon when a picked team of ten Seniors are to contest the initial qualifying round of the New Year Champions. The series will reach its second round next Sunday, when the Super round will be staged, and its final on Sunday, January 1, when the final will be played.

Chosen to play today among the Senior title-seekers are Echarri, burly importation from Havana who made his debut yesterday, and Guernica, who was brought to Shanghai from New York City and who also made his initial appearance here yesterday. Azumendi, diminutive "giant-killer" of the team, has been established as favourite and will occupy the anchor position in the absence of Osa, who has been elevated to the Supers.

The full line-up for the Senior round of the Hai-Alai New Year Champions will be:—

1. Rafael
2. Guernica
3. Careaga
4. Echarri
5. Fernando
6. Chato
7. Maguregui
8. Vrizar II
9. Gerardo
10. Azumendi.


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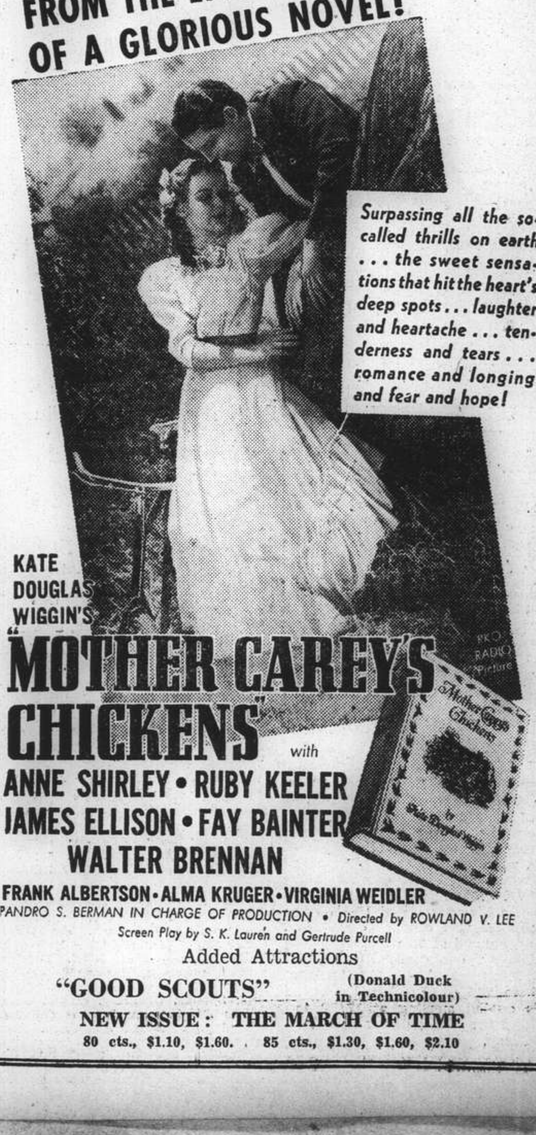
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# COMMERCE AND FINANCE

## Money and Exchange

**Hongkong & Shanghai Bank**

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1938

BANK'S SELLING RATES 10 A.M.

£1 @ 8 5/16 ..... $ 28.87
U.S. $100 @ 16 1/8 ..... $620.16

BANK'S BUYING RATES 10 A.M.

£1 @ 8 7/16 ..... $28.444
U.S. $100 @ 16 7/16 ..... $008.36
London—demand ..... 8 7/16
4 months' sight credits ..... 8 1/16
4 months' sight docts ..... 8 1/32
6 months' sight credits ..... 8 1/32
6 months' sight docts ..... 8 1/32
New York—demand .....U.S. $16 7/16
4 months' sight credits ..... 16 7/16
4 months' sight docts ..... 16 5/16
Paris—4 months' sight docts Fcs. nom.

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INTERBANK CASH DELIVERY

| £ | Highest | Lowest |
|---|---|---|
| U.S. G.$ | 8 21/32 | 8 21/32 |
| Yen | 16 7/32 | 16 7/16 |
| | — | — |

MERCHANT'S CLOSING RATES

| Cash | SELLING | December | BUYING |
|---|---|---|---|
| £ T.T. | 8 5/16 | 4 m/s. l.c. | 8 1/3 |
| G.$ T.T. | 16 3/8 | 4 m/s. l.c. | 16 3/8 |
| Fcs. T.T. | 615 | 4 m/s. | 630 |
| Rs. T.T. | 46 3/8 | 7 d/s. | 47 |

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London silver was 1/8 down both ready and forward being 19 1/2 for ready and 19 5/16 forward. New York was unchanged at 42¾ and Bombay was unchanged at 51.01.

It was reported speculators sold. Market was steady at the decline. After the official fixing the market ruled quietly firm. American trade and speculators bought at 1/16d over the fixed rate.

The local exchange market opened with sellers to merchants at 8 5/16 sterling and 16⅛ U.S.$.

The Interbank market was quiet and steady with only minor fluctuation. At the opening there were sellers for cash and December at 8 21/32 sterling and 16 7/32 U.S.$. Some Merchant demand brought out buyers and business was done at these rates. At the close there were sellers at:—

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 8 5/16 | sterling | 16 3/32 U.S.$ | Cash |
| 8 5/16 | „ | 16 5/32 „ | Dec. |
| 8 11/64 | „ | 16 3/32 „ | Jan., 1939 |
| 8 11/64 | „ | 15 31/32 „ | Feb., 1939 |

## Foreign Exchanges

**Bombay Rupee T. T. on:** Dec. 16.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Japan | 78 5/8 | London | 1/5 23/32 |
| New York | 287 | 2 mths | |
| Shanghai | 48 1/4 | „ (sellers) | 1/5 23/32 |
| Hongkong | 86 | „ (buyers) | 1/5 7/8 |

**London £ Sterling T. T. on:**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| New York | 466.81 | Shanghai | 8 3/4d. N. |
| Paris | 117.59 | Bombay | 15/1 1/16 |
| Berlin | 11.64 | Hongkong | 1/3 1/16 |
| Berlin | 11.64 | Singapore | 2/4 |
| Amsterdam | 8.59 | Yokohama | 1/2 |
| Brussels | 27.71 1/2 | „ (buying) | unq. |
| Madrid | 100.00 | C'slovakia | 136.37S. |
| Milan | 88.70 | S.—Sellers | |
| Berne | 20.63 | | |

**New York U.S.$ T. T. on:**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Berlin | 40.09 1/2 | Japan | 27.24 |
| Spain | Unq. | Shanghai | 16.40 |
| Holland | 54.34 1/2 | Austria | Unq. |
| Paris | 2.62 3/8 | C'slovakia | 3.42 1/2 |
| Brussels | 16.84 1/2 | Hungary | 19.80 |
| Italy | 5.26 1/4 | Rumania | 0.74 |
| S'zerland | 22.62 | Yugo Slavia | 2.30 |
| Sweden | 24.05 | Greece | 0.85 3/4 |
| Norway | 23.46 | Bulgaria | 1.25 |
| Denmark | 20.84 | Finland | 2.07 |
| Montreal | 99.030 | Poland | 19.10 |
| Brazil | 5.95 | | |

| | |
|---|---|
| London | 4.66 7/8 |
| „ Demand | 4.66 3/4 |
| „ Bankers' 60 days bills | 4.65 7/8 |
| „ Commercial 60 days bills | 4.65 7/8 |
| Buenos Aires Paper | 28.95 |
| Buenos Aires Paper, Market rate | 22.65 |
| Montreal on London | 4.71 3/4 |

—Reuter.

## Foreign Money Rates

| London: | Dec. 16. | |
|---|---|---|
| Fine Bank Bills, | 3 months | 1 1/16% |
| Bank Bills, | 6 months | 1 1/8% |
| Fine Trade Bills, | 3 months | 2 3/4% |
| Fine Trade Bills, | 6 months | 3 1/4% |
| Call Money | | 0 1/2% |
| **New York:** | | |
| Bankers' Acceptances for 1, 2 and 3 months | | 0 1/2%B 0 1/8%A |
| Bankers' Acceptances for 4 months | | 0 1/2%B 0 1/2%A |
| Call Money | | 1% |

B—Bid. A—Asked.—Reuter.

## Manila Gold Shares

(Bids in Pesos)

| Dec. 17 | Opening 2.45 p.m. | Prices 9.45 a.m. |
|---|---|---|
| Antamok | .50 | .50 |
| Balatoc | 9.20 | 9.20 |
| Benguet Consolidated | 12.50 | 12.50 |
| Coco Grove | .47 | .49 |
| Consolidated Mines | .0035 | .0035 |
| Demonstration | .27 | .27 |
| Masbate | .20 | .19 |
| North Camarines | .62 | .62 |
| San Mauricio | 1.76 | 1.78 |
| Surigao Consolidated | .36 | .36 |
| United Paracale | .56 | .57 |

Turnover: $16,600 Pesos.
Shares Index: (closing prices) 106.97.
—Reuter.

## Berlin Bourse

Berlin, Dec. 16.

The brisk upward trend at the close of yesterday's share market did not continue at the opening today but a cheerful tone prevailed. Harpeners were quoted at 138, gaining 2.5, Demag at 143⅞, gaining 1⅛, whereas I.G. Farben lost one point at 149 and Siemens 1½ at 138½. The bone market was quiet. Callmoney stood unchanged at 3 to 3¼.

Reichsmark quotations New York 40.11 Paris 1525.—, Amsterdam 73.7705 to 73.8205, London 11.66.

Paris quoted sterling at 177.58 to 177.64 and the U.S. dollar at 38.00.—Trans-Ocean.

## Shanghai Stocks

**Yesterday's Business**

The half-day's, trading was fair, shewing a slightly easier trend in the market generally, a few stocks being done at higher prices, such as: —Docks at $106, closing with sellers at that price and buyers at $105.50.

Intasco at $3.80 up to $4.25 at which rates 8,000 shares were done.

New Engineering (ord) which registered a new high level of $6.00 at which price the market closed with buyers.

Except for $30,000 S.M.C. 5½ per cent at $93.00 this market was quiet.

**Official Averages**

| 1938 High | 1938 Low | | Today's Averages | Change |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 146.16 | 100.30 | General | 133.48 | +0.03 |
| 149.31 | 95.55 | Rubbers | 141.15 | +0.27 |

Total 37,920 shares, 375 bonds.

**Morning Session**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| $1,000 | S'hai Power 5½% Debs. | $ 82.75 |
| $5,000 | China Realty 8% Debs. | $ 57.00 |
| $30,000 | S. M. C. 5½% Debs. | $ 93.00 |
| 800 | Wheelock | $ 34.00 |
| 500 | Exploration | $ 7.90 |
| 1,500 | Metal Ind. of China | $ 7.05 |
| 100 | Wheelock | $ 33.75 |
| 1,000 | S'hai Loan | $ 6.10 |
| 50 | S'hai Dock | $106.00 |
| 1,500 | Wheelock | $ 33.50 |
| 2,000 | Padang | $ 1.08 |
| 500 | Metal Ind. of China | $ 7.10 |
| 1,200 | Tram (Bearer) £1 | $ 38.00 |
| 500 | S'hai Loan | $ 6.05 |
| 500 | Exploration | $ 7.90 |
| 2,000 | S'hai Loan | $ 6.10 |
| 50 | S'hai Dock | $106.00 |
| 2,000 | Int. Assurance | $ 3.80 |
| 500 | Ewo Mills (Ord) | $ 16.70 |
| 1,000 | New Eng. (Ord) | $ 6.00 |
| 2,000 | Int. Assurance | $ 4.00 |
| 500 | Metal Ind. of China | $ 7.05 |
| 3,000 | Int. Assurance | $ 4.00 |
| 50 | S'hai Dock | $106.00 |
| 1,000 | Cathay Land | $ 2.10 |
| 1,000 | Senawang | $ 0.98 |
| 500 | Kaiping | $ 26.75 |
| 110 | S'hai Power (Pref) | $122.25 |
| 80 | S'hai Power (Pref) | $122.00 |
| 100 | Ewo Mills (Ord) | $ 16.60 |
| 1,000 | China Realty | $ 1.00 |
| 3,000 | Kroewoek | $ 1.18 |
| 1,500 | Exploration | $ 7.95 |
| 500 | Metal Ind. of China | $ 7.00 |
| 500 | S'hai Loan | $ 6.05 |
| 500 | Anglo Dutch | $ 9.50 |
| 700 | Wheelock | $ 33.75 |
| 1,000 | Int. Assurance | $ 4.25 |
| 1,000 | Tanah Merah | $ 1.98 |
| 1,000 | New Eng. (Ord) | $ 6.00 |

ODD LOTS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| $500 | S'hai Power 5½% Debs. | $ 82.75 |
| $500 | S'hai Power 5½% Debs. | $ 82.75 |
| $500 | S'hai Power 5½% Debs. | $ 83.00 |
| 200 | Exploration | $ 8.00 |
| 50 | S. W. W. "B" | $ 27.00 |
| 500 | China Realty | $ 1.05 |
| 400 | Exploration | $ 8.00 |
| 200 | Exploration | $ 7.80 |
| 200 | Int. Assurance | $ 3.90 |
| 24 | S'hai Telephone | $ 69.00 |
| 500 | Int. Assurance | $ 4.00 |
| 300 | Int. Assurance | $ 4.00 |
| 250 | New Eng. (Ord) | $ 6.00 |
| 150 | Int. Assurance | $ 4.10 |
| 6 | S'hai Power (Pref) | $122.75 |

## London Stocks

**Friday's Closing Quotations**

London, Dec. 16.

End-of-account influences continued to restrict business on the stock exchange today, with small declines registered in most groups owing to lack of support, but the undertone remains firm. Home and foreign rails were well-maintained, while British gilt-edged securities closed above their lowest levels.—Reuter.

| | Dec. 15 | 16 |
|---|---|---|
| War Loan 3½% (Red.) | £98 3/8 | 98 1/2 |

JAPANESE BONDS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Japan 5% Stg. Loan, 1907 | 45 3/4 | 45 3/4 |
| Japan 6% Stg. Loan, 1924 | 55 1/4 | 55 |

Osaka, Dec. 17.

| | |
|---|---|
| Kogo 5% ..... | Y.103.80 |

COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Allied Ironfounders | 19/1 1/2 | 19/1 1/2 |
| Armstrong Stevens | 8/3 | 8/3 |
| Assoc. & Elec. Indus. | 39/- | 38/9 |
| Austin Motors, ord. | 24/4 1/2 | 25/- |
| Bristol Aeroplane, ord. | 22/6 | 22/3 |
| British American Tob. | 98/9 | 96/1 1/2 |
| Cable & W., new form | 36 1/2 | 36 1/4 |
| Cammell Laird, ord. | 7/3 | 7/4 1/2 |
| Courtaulds | 28/6 | 28/4 1/2 |
| Distillers | 89/6 | 90/3 |
| Dunlop Rubber | 23/1 1/2 | 23/- |
| General Elec. (Eng.) | 76/9 | 76/9 |
| Gumness (A) Son & Co. | 102/- | 104/6 |
| Hawker Siddeley Aircraft | 24/- | 24/- |
| Imp. Chem. Indus. | 30/4 1/2 | 30/1 1/2 |
| Imp. Tobacco | 130/- | 129/4 1/2 |
| Leyland Motors | 89/6 | 89/4 1/2 |
| Marks & Spencer "A" ord. | 55/6 | 55/6 |
| Pressed Steel, com. | 14/- | 14- |
| Rolls-Royce | 110/- | 110/- |
| Smethwick Drop Forgings | 16/6 | 16/6 |
| Tate & Lyle | 54/1 1/2 | 54/6 |
| Turner & Newall | 77/10 1/2 | 77/10 1/2 |
| United Steel | 22/7 1/2 | 22/6 |
| Vickers, ord. | 22/3 | 21/9 |
| Woolworths | 58/- | 57/9 |

MISCELLANEOUS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Anglo-Dutch | 25/6 | 25/3 |
| Rubber Pltn. Trust. | 27/6 | 27/3 |

MINES

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Burma Corp. | 8/7 1/2 | 8/7 1/2 |
| Commonwealth Min. | 1/6 | 1/6 |
| Marsman Invests. | 16/- | 15/6 |
| Randfontein Ests. | 41/7 1/2 | 41/6 |
| Sub-Nigel | 236/3 | 236/3 |
| Tanami Gold Min. | 6d. | 6d. |
| Western Holdings | 13/3 | 12/6 |

OILS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Anglo Iranian | 89/4 1/2 | 88/9 |
| Burmah | 83/11 1/2 | 83/11 1/2 |
| Mexican Eagle | 5/3 | 5/- |
| Shell Trans. & Trad. | 81/10 1/2 | 81/3 |

CHINESE EXTERNAL LOANS, ETC.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 4½% Gold Loan, 1898 | £75 | 75 1/2 |
| 5% Gold Bonds, 1925-47 | 73 | 73 1/2 |
| 4½% Anglo-French Loan | 66 | 66 |
| 5% Crisp Loan, 1912 | 37 1/2 | 37 1/2 |
| 5% Reorg. Loan, 1913 | 54 1/2 | 55 |
| 8% Stg. Notes, 1925 | 13 1/2 | 13 1/2 |
| 5% Honan Rly., 1905 | 26 | 26 |
| 5% Hukuang Rly., 1911 | 25 | 25 |
| 5% „ „ (Ger. Is.) | 23 | 23 |
| 5% Lung Tsing U. H. Rly. | 13 1/2 | 13 1/2 |
| 5% S'hai-Nanking Rly. | 24 | 24 |
| 5% T'tsin-Pukow Rly. B. | 18 1/2 | 18 1/2 |
| 5% „ „ G. | 18 | 18 |
| 5% „ „ (Supl. Loan) B. | 18 | 18 |
| 5% „ „ (Supl. Loan) G. | 18 | 18 |
| 5% Canton-Kowloon Rly. | 18 | 18 |
| S'hai Elec. Construction | 25/- N | 25/- N |
| S'hai Waterworks "A" | 19 1/2 N | 19 1/2 N |
| Un. Ins. Soc. of Canton | 30 1/2 | 30 1/2 |
| Chartd. Bank of I. A. & C. | 9 1/4 | 9 1/8 |
| H. & S. Bank (Ldn. Reg.) | 78 1/2 | 79 |
| „ „ (Col. Reg.) | 81 | 81 |
| Chinese Eng. & Min. | 18/- | 18/- |
| Chosen Corp. | 7/6 | 7/6 |
| Pekin Syndicate | 2/- N | 2/- N |
| Gula Kalumpong Rubber | 20/7 1/2 | 20/7 1/2 |

N—Nominal.

## British Commodities

**Friday's Closing Quotations**

London, Dec. 16.

Commodities, generally, continued to be quiet and featureless.

**London Rubber:** Spot, buyers 8 unc; sellers 8 1/16 unchanged; January del., buyers 8 unchanged sellers 8 1/16 unc.;

**London Sugar** (buyers): March 6/11¼ unch; May 6/11½ +¼; August 6/11½ unchanged;

**Liverpool Wheat:** December 4/8¼ +1/8; March 4/6 —¼; May 4/6 3/8 —3/8;

**Liverpool Cotton:** American Futures: Jan. 4.75 unch; Mar. 4.74 +1; May 4.69 unch; July 4.60 +1; Egyptian Futures (Giza, F.G.F. No. 7): Jan. 7.23 +2; Mar. 7.18 +2; May 7.13 +2;

**London Metals:** Copper, Standard, cash, sellers £43 1/4 —1/6; 3 mths sellers £43 3/8 —1/8; Electrolytic, buyers £49 unch; sellers £50 unch. Tin, standard, cash, sellers £214 1/2 —1; 3 mths sellers £215 1/2 —3/8; Lead, Foreign, official price, sellers £15 1/8 —1/8; 3 mths sellers, official price, £15 1/4 —1/8; Spelter, Ordinary, official price, sellers £13 1/8 unch; 3 mths delivery, official price, sellers £14 unch.—Reuter.

## New York Stocks

**Friday's Closing Quotations**

New York, Dec. 18.

After being steady stock prices on Wall Street today finished narrowly irregular, with the majority of issues recording fractional losses. Profit-taking and year-end influences were the principal factors for the decline, but sentiment was not visibly impaired, as absorption was comparatively good. Industrials were the hardest hit, while the utility group was the only one able to keep its head above water. The turnover today amountd to 1,115,000 shares.

**Dow-Jones Averages**

| | High | Low | Close | Changes |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 36 Indust. | 152.21 | 150.52 | 150.89 | —0.93 |
| 20 Rails | 31.60 | 30.36 | 30.51 | —0.59 |
| 15 Utilit. | 22.67 | 22.11 | 22.42 | +0.04 |
| 40 Bonds | —— | —— | 89.52 | —0.20 |
| 11 Commod. | —— | —— | 47.63 | —0.07 |

| | Dec. 15 | 16 |
|---|---|---|
| Adams Express | 10 7/8 | 10 1/2 |
| Alleghany Ludlum Steel | 26 3/4 | 26 |
| Allis Chalmers | 48 1/2 | 48 1/4 |
| Amerada Corp. | 69 1/2 | 69 1/4 |
| Amer. Can | 98 1/2 | 97 3/4 |
| Amer. & For. Power | 3 | 3 1/8 |
| „ „ $7 pfd. | 17 3/8 | 17 3/8 |
| Amer. Locomotive | 27 7/8 | 28 1/8 |
| Amer. Metal | 40 1/8 | 38 1/4 |
| Amer. Radiator | 17 3/4 | 17 3/8 |
| Amer. Rolling Mill | 22 | 21 1/4 |
| Amer. Smelting | 52 | 51 1/2 |
| Amer. Sugar Refining | 20 3/4 | 20 1/2 |
| Amer. Tel. & Tel. | 148 1/4 | 147 3/4 |
| Amer. Tobacco "B" | 85 1/2 | 86 |
| Amer. Waterworks | 13 1/4 | 13 3/8 |
| Anaconda Copper | 35 1/4 | 34 3/4 |
| Atchison, T. & S. Fe | 39 | 38 1/8 |
| Auburn | 4 | 3 7/8 |
| Baltimore & Ohio | 7 1/8 | 6 3/4 |
| Barber Asphalt Corp. | 20 1/4 | 20 |
| Barnsdall Oil Co. | 18 3/8 | 18 |
| Bethlehem Steel | 75 1/8 | 74 3/4 |
| Boeing Airplane Co. | 32 3/8 | 31 7/8 |
| Borg Warner | 32 5/8 | 32 |
| Briggs Mfg. Co. | *30 1/2 | 30 |
| Brooklyn-Manhattan Trans. | 12 1/2 | 12 3/8 |
| „ $6 cum. pfd. | 42 | 41 1/4 |
| Can. Pacific Rly. | 5 3/4 | 5 5/8 |
| Case, J.I. | 91 | 90 1/2 |
| Chase Nat. Bank | B 30 3/4 | B 30 |
| Chesapeake & Ohio | 35 1/2 | 35 5/8 |
| Chrysler | 82 3/4 | 82 1/4 |
| Columbia Gas & Elec. | 6 3/4 | 6 7/8 |
| „ „ "A" pfd. | 71 | 71 |
| Comi. Credit | 59 | 58 1/8 |
| Comm. & Southern (ord.) | 1 1/4 | 1 3/8 |
| „ $6 cum. pfd. | 46 5/8 | 46 3/8 |
| Consolid. Edison | 29 3/4 | 29 3/4 |
| Consolid. Oil | 8 5/8 | 8 7/8 |
| Continental Can | 38 5/8 | 39 7/8 |
| Continental Oil | 30 1/4 | 31 |
| Corn Products | 64 3/4 | 64 1/4 |
| Curtiss Wright (com.) | 6 3/4 | 6 3/4 |
| „ „ "A" | 26 3/4 | 26 3/8 |
| Distillers Corp. Seagrams | 20 7/8 | 20 3/4 |
| Douglas Aircraft | 78 3/8 | 78 |
| Du Pont de Nemours | 150 1/4 | 150 |
| Eagle Picher Lead | 12 7/8 | 12 3/4 |
| Elec. Bond & Sh. | 10 3/4 | 10 1/2 |
| „ „ $5 pfd. | B 59 | 62 |
| „ „ $6 pfd. | 66 | 65 |
| Elec. Power & Lt. | 35 3/4 | 37 |
| Flintkote | 28 5/8 | 28 1/8 |
| Gen. Amer. Trans. | 56 3/8 | 56 3/8 |
| Gen. Elec. | 43 5/8 | 43 |
| Gen. Motors | 50 1/2 | 50 |
| Gen. Rly. Signal | 23 3/4 | 23 1/2 |
| Glidden Co. | 24 1/2 | 24 1/8 |
| Goodrich (B.F.) | 24 3/8 | 24 1/2 |
| „ $5 pfd. | 65 1/2 | 64 3/4 |
| Goodyear Tire & Rubber | 36 3/4 | 36 3/8 |
| Great Nthrn. Iron Ore | 13 7/8 | 13 7/8 |
| Great Nthrn. Rly. | 27 1/8 | 26 7/8 |
| Great Western Sugar | 25 | 25 |
| Greyhound Corp. | *21 1/4 | 20 3/4 |
| Hecker Products | 10 7/8 | 10 5/8 |
| Homestake Min. | 61 3/4 | 61 3/4 |
| Int. Nickel | 54 1/4 | 53 7/8 |
| Int. Tel. & Tel. | 9 5/8 | 9 1/2 |
| Johns Manville | 105 1/2 | 104 3/4 |
| Kennecott | 44 1/8 | 43 1/4 |
| Libby-Owens-Ford | 53 3/4 | 53 1/2 |
| Libby-Owens-Ford Glass | 53 3/4 | 53 1/2 |
| Lockheed Aircraft | 30 5/8 | 31 3/8 |
| Loew's Inc. | 57 1/8 | 52 1/2 |
| Manhattan Shirt Co. | B 12 3/4 | B 12 3/4 |
| Martin, Glenn L. Co. | 34 1/4 | 34 |
| McKesson & Rob. $3 | 9 1/4/10 1/4 B/A | 7/7 3/4 B/A |
| Monsanto Chemical | 105 1/2 | 105 1/2 |
| Montgomery Ward | *52 1/2 | 51 7/8 |
| Nat. City Bank | B 22 3/4 | B 22 1/4 |
| Nat. Dairy Products | 12 1/2 | 12 5/8 |
| Nat. Distillers | 27 1/8 | 27 1/2 |
| Nat. Gypsum | 15 1/2 | 15 1/2 |
| Nat. Lead | 27 1/4 | 26 3/4 |
| Nat. Power & Lt. | 7 1/2 | 7 3/4 |
| Nat. Supply Co. of Penn. | 14 3/4 | 14 1/8 |
| New York Central | 19 3/8 | 18 3/4 |
| North Amer. Aviation | 17 5/8 | 17 5/8 |
| North Amer. | 21 3/8 | 21 7/8 |
| Northern Pacific | 11 3/8 | 11 1/4 |
| Pacific Gas & Elec. | 28 3/4 | 29 |
| Pacific Lighting | 42 | 42 1/4 |
| Packard Motors | 4 3/8 | 4 1/2 |
| Paramount Pictures Inc. | 13 | 12 1/2 |
| Pennsylvania R.R. | 21 3/8 | 21 |
| Phelps Dodge | 43 3/4 | 43 3/8 |
| Phillips Petroleum | 42 | 42 |
| Public Serv. of N.J. | 31 | 30 7/8 |
| Pure Oil | 10 1/2 | 10 3/8 |
| Radio Corp. of Amer. | 7 7/8 | 7 5/8 |
| Republic Steel Co. | 23 7/8 | 23 3/8 |
| Reynolds Tobacco "B" | 44 | 44 |
| Schenley | 18 | 17 3/4 |
| „ 5½% pfd. | 74 1/2 | 73 1/4 |
| Sears Roebuck | 74 1/4 | 74 1/4 |
| Shell Union Oil | 14 1/4 | 14 1/4 |
| Socony-Vacuum | 13 1/4 | 13 1/4 |
| Sthrn. Pacific | 19 | 18 3/8 |
| Sthrn. Rly. $5 pfd. | 31 1/4 | 30 3/4 |
| Stand. Brands | 6 1/2 | 6 1/2 |
| Stand. Gas & Elec. | 3 3/8 | 3 1/2 |
| Stand. Oil of N.J. | 51 3/8 | 51 |
| Stone & Webster | 15 | 15 |
| Swift International | 27 1/2 | 27 3/8 |
| Technicolor | 21 1/8 | 20 1/2 |
| Texas Corp. | 44 7/8 | 44 5/8 |
| Texas Gulf Sulphur | 32 1/8 | 31 5/8 |
| Transamerica (new) | 6 1/2 | 6 1/4 |
| Tw. Cetury Fox Film, | 25 3/4 | 25 |
| „ „ pfd. | 34 1/2 | 33 3/4 |
| Un. Carbide & Carbon | 90 | 88 5/8 |
| Un. Pacific | 91 | 89 |
| Un. Aircraft (new) | 41 1/2 | 41 |
| Un. Air Lines Trans. | 12 | 12 |
| Un Corp. | 3 | 3 |
| „ $3 pfd. | 34 3/4 | 34 3/4 |
| Un. Gas Corp. | 2 5/8 | 2 7/8 |
| Un. Gas Improvement | 10 7/8 | 10 3/4 |
| U. S. Rubber | 51 3/4 | 51 1/4 |
| „ 8% pfd. | 101 | 100 5/8 |
| U. S. Steel | 66 1/8 | 64 3/4 |
| Vanadium | 27 1/2 | 27 3/4 |
| Warner Bros. Picts. | 6 | 5 7/8 |
| Westinghouse Elec. | 119 1/4 | 119 |
| Woodward Iron | 25 3/4 | 25 3/4 |

BONDS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Amer. & For. Power | 53 | 52 1/4 |
| Brazil 3 | 9 7/8 | 10 3/8 |
| Baltimore & Ohio | 18 3/8 | 18 1/4 |
| Cities Serv. | 73 | 73 |
| Erie R.R. | 13 1/4 | 11 3/4 |
| Int. Tel. & Tel. 4½s | Unq. | Unq. |
| Int. Tel. & Tel. 5s | 69 3/4 | 69 1/4 |
| New England Gas | 57 | 57 |
| Peru | 9 7/8 | 10 3/8 |
| Sthrn. Pacific R.R. | 52 | 51 |
| Stand. Gas & Elec. | 59 | 59 |

A—Asked B—Bid *—Ex dividend.—Reuter.

**Dow-Jones Summary**

*Courtesy of Swan, Culbertson & Fritz*

Prices on the Stock Exchange today slipped on profit-taking. Trading quietened down on the setback, but most traders continued to be bullish which fact interpreted the early recession as a technical readjustment. Favourable factors today included: automobile production reaching above 102,000 units and retail sales on unit basis being between 10 and 30 per cent. above the corresponding week of last year. However, trade loans were the lowest recorded in years.

## U.K. Silver Movements

London, Dec. 16.

Silver movements in the United Kingdom during the week ended December 14, resulted in a surplus of exports over imports by £459,000, compared with net exports totalling £630,000 during the previous week.

Exports of the white metal from the United Kingdom during the period under review totalled £535,000 including shipments valued at £508,000 to the United States. Exports during the previous week totalled £1,230,000, including shipments of £1,199,000 to the United States and £26,000 to Germany.

Coming from various sources imports of silver for the same period amounted to £76,000, of which £46,000 was brought from France. Imports for last week summed up to £600,000, including £26,000 from France and £551,000 from Hongkong.—Reuter.

## U.S. Commodities

**Friday's Closing Quotations**

New York, Dec. 16.

The cotton market early moderately advanced on higher Liverpool advices, speculative buying and shorts covering. Later, prices reacted on liquidation, profit-taking and the easier trend of Wall Street. Finally, the market further eased on commission house selling and renewed liquidation and closed barely steady, with quotations ranging from 3 to 7 points down.

Prices in the rubber market opened quietly steady, with unencouraging cables being offset by some professional interest. Later, the market rallied moderately on commission house buying, more factory interest and some covering operations. At the last call-over, gains of 4 to 13 points were recorded.

Trading in the Chicago Wheat Pit today was quiet and more or less featureless. Most operators were inclined to be inactive, and the volume of business passing was consequently very small. Price changes were narrow, with the market moderately declining on favourable weather reports, lower cables and the weakness of other grain markets. At the final bell, losses of 1/8 to ¼ of a cent. were registered.

| New York Cotton | | | New York Rubber | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Jan. | 8.20-20 | —04 | Jan. | 16.13 N | +04 |
| Mar. | 8.17-17 | —06 | Mar. | 16.11-12 | +04 |
| May | 7.97-98 | —07 | May | 16.09-09 | +13 |
| July | 7.69-70 | —05 | July | 16.10-10 | +10 |
| Oct. | 7.41-41 | —03 | | | |

| New York Sugar No. 4 | | | New York Silk | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mar. | 1.12 1/2-13 B/A | —1/2 | Dec. | 1.77-77 | +1 |
| May | 1.13 1/2-14 B/A | unc. | | | |

| Chicago Wheat | | | Chicago Corn | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| May | 66 1/2-66 3/8 | —1/4 | May | 51 7/8-52 | —1/4 |
| July | 66 1/4-66 1/8 | —1/8 | July | 52 3/4-52 3/4 | —1/4 |

**Winnipeg Wheat**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| May | 61 3/4-61 7/8 | —1/8 |
| July | 62 1/4-62 3/8 | —1/8 |

B—Bid A—Asked.—Reuter.

## Movements of Gold In the U.K.

London, Dec. 6.

Movements of gold in the United Kingdom during the week ended December 14 resulted in a surplus of exports over imports by £1,175,000, compared with net exports of £7,244,000 for the previous week.

Imports during the period under review amounted to £1,801,000 and included shipments from the following principal sources: British Africa £491,000; British India £228,000; Belgium £311,000; Switzerland £277,000; Argentina £256,000; France £141,000 and Peru £52,000.

The previous week's imports totalled £993,000 including £130,000 from British Africa; 165,000 from British India; £182,000 from The Netherlands; £438,000 from Germany and £46,000 from Australia.

Exports during the period under review amounted to £2,976,000 and included shipments to the following countries: The Netherlands £27,000 and the United States £2,917,000.

The previous week's exports totalled £8,237,000 including £62,000 to The Netherlands; £7,996,000 to the United States; £121,000 to Belgium and £46,000 to France.—Reuter.

## Automobile Production In Canada and U.S.A.

New York, Dec. 16.

A slight increase was revealed in the number of cars and trucks produced in the United States and Canada during the week ended December 16, according to Ward's estimate of production.

During the period under review, cars and trucks produced totalled 102,905 untis as compared with 100,705 units during the previous week and 82,025 units for the corresponding period of last year.—Reuter.

## Car-Loadings in the U.S.

New York, Dec. 16.

Car-loadings in the United States during the week ended December 10 totalled 619,000 cars, according to the weekly review of the Association of American Railroads, which was published today.

This compares with 649,000 cars last week and 622,000 cars for the corresponding period of last year, showing decreases of 30,000 cars and 3,000 cars respectively, compared with the figure for the week under review.—Reuter.


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## Federal Reserve Returns

New York, Dec. 15.

The Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, in their report for the week ended December 14, respecting the entire body of reporting member banks of the system, reveal no change on bills bought as compared with the previous week, but show a decrease of $2,000,000 compared with the corresponding period of last year.

United States Securities held showed no change from both last week and the corresponding period of last year, while the Federal Reserve ratio was unchanged from last week but registered a gain of 3.8 per cent. over the corresponding period of last year.

Credit outstanding to the Federal Reserve revealed a gain of $9,000,000 over last week, but show a decline of $31,000,000 compared with the corresponding period of last year. Monetary gold stocks were higher by $13,000,000 from the previous week and by $1,615,000,000 from the corresponding period of last year.

Industrial advances by the Federal Reserve advanced by $88,000 from the previous week, but show a decline of $2,859,000 compared with the same period of last year.

Bills bought during the period under review totalled $1,000,000; U.S. Securities held $2,564,000,000, while the Federal Reserve Ratio was placed at 83.6 per cent.

Credit outstanding to the Federal Reserve amounted to $2,600,000,000; monetary gold stocks $14,380,000,000 and industrial advances $15,573,000.—Reuter.

## Movements of Gold And Silver

London, Dec. 16.

SILVER

Week ended 7/12/38 14/12/38
(£ and 000's omitted)

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Total Exports From U.K. | 1,230 | 535 |
| Including: To U.S. | 1,199 | 508 |
| To Germany | 26 | — |
| Total Imports To U.K. | 600 | 76 |
| Including: From France | 26 | 46 |
| From Hongkong | 551 | — |
| GOLD | | |
| Total Exports From U.K. | 8,237 | 2,976 |
| Including: To Netherlands | 62 | 27 |
| To United States | 7,996 | 2,917 |
| To Belgium | 121 | — |
| To France | 46 | — |
| Total Imports To U.K. | 993 | 1,801 |
| Including: From B. Africa | 130 | 491 |
| From British India | 165 | 228 |
| From Netherlands | 182 | — |
| From Germany | 438 | — |
| From Australia | 46 | — |
| From Belgium | — | 317 |
| From Switzerland | — | 277 |
| From Argentina | — | 256 |
| From France | — | 141 |
| From Peru | — | 52 |

N.B.—Incoming Gold is declared on the basis of its coinage value.—Outgoing Gold is declared on its value in the open market.—Reuter.

## U.S. Silver Imports

New York, Dec. 17.

Silver to a total value of $7,602,000 was imported by the United States during the week ended December 9, compared with $2,106,000 during the previous week.

Consignments of the white metal during the period under review were received from the following principal sources: Canada $181,000; Mexico $234,000; The Philippines $20,000; Chile $7,000; Peru $66,000; Japan $63,000; England $7,024,000 and Turkey $5,000.

Imports during the previous week came from the following principal countries: Canada $165,000; Mexico $453,000; The Philippines $6,000 Chile $5,000; Peru $178,000; Japan $104,000; Nicaragua $3,000; England $1,001,000; Bolivia $10,000; Spain $6,000; Honduras $61,000; Argentina $102,000; Spain $6,000; Honduras $61,000; Argentina $102,000; Ecuador $3,000 and Australia $7,000.—Reuter.


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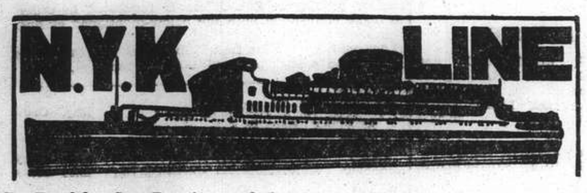


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|---|---|
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| CHICHIBU MARU | Feb. 6 |
| *ASAMA MARU | Feb. 19 |

(*from Shanghai).

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| | From Kobe |
|---|---|
| NOZIMA MARU | Dec. 28 |

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| | From Kobe |
|---|---|
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| | From Hongkong |
|---|---|
| ATUTA MARU | Dec. 24 |

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| | |
|---|---|
| TERUKUNI MARU | Dec. 27 |
| HAKUSAN MARU | Jan. 10 |
| HARUNA MARU | Jan. 24 |

**To Kobe, Yokohama**

| | |
|---|---|
| *HARUNA MARU | Dec. 20 |
| †TAIYO MARU | Dec. 26 |
| †TAIYO MARU | Jan. 5 |

(†Calling at Kobe only)
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|---|---|
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| B* | MENESTHEUS | Dec. 24 | M'lles, London, R'dam, H'burg, and Glasgow |
| A | AENEAS | Jan. 6 | M'lles, London, Rotterdam and Glasgow. |
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| B | MENELAUS | Liverpool | Jan. 4 | Jan. 5 | Japan Ports |
| A | SARPEDON | Liverpool | Jan. 4 | Jan. 5 | Japan Ports |
| | TITAN | Gdynia, | Jan. 6 | Jan. 7 | Japan Ports |
| B | DEUCALION | Liverpool | Jan. 19 | Jan. 20 | Japan |
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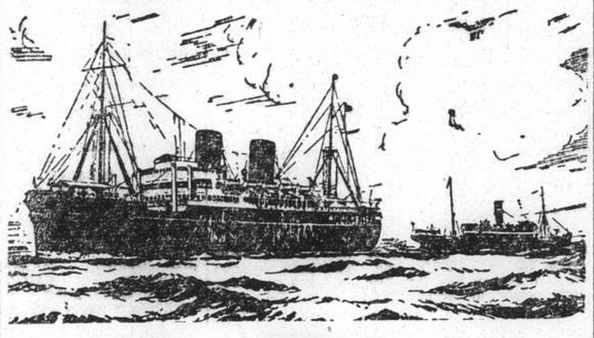

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|---|---|---|---|
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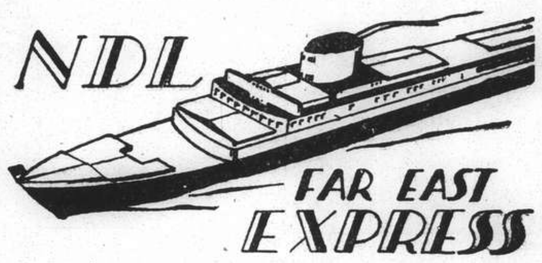


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|---|---|---|---|
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AMERICAN wants friendship with unmarried Russian girl, 19 to 26. Only serious replies giving address, telephone number or definite place for meeting will be considered. Address Box 3623, NCDN. -6700

CHINESE gentleman wishes to meet attractive young American or European lady, 20-24. View companionship and conversational English. Serious replies only and strictly confidential. Address Box 3640, NCDN. -6713

MIDDLE-aged gentleman, quiet habits, recently arrived Shanghai, desires to hear from young attractive lady. View companionship. Serious replies only to Box 3616, NCDN. -6668

## Christmas Gifts

BEAUTIFUL, white, Thibetan poodle pups, three months' old, for sale, cheap. 66 Lorton Terrace, Apartment 14. -6724

BEAUTIFUL silver-fox, brand-new. Cheap for quick sale. Telephone 76070 any time Sunday, Monday, 1-2. -6761

BEST Christmas gifts. Japanese kimonos, mufflers, gowns, scarves, stockings, pyjamas. Obtainable at Mukai, 250 Bubbling Well Road. -6753

USEFUL gifts for Christmas, large selection, you will find what you want. The store of gifts for all occasions. Max Grill, 996 Avenue Joffre. Telephone 74679. 13075

MEN'S accessories. You will find all suitable gifts for him at Sherman & Co., 355 Szechuen Road, Branch, Cathay Men's Shop, 863 Avenue Joffre. -6345

CHRISTMAS sale. Lovely silk embroidered lingerie, beautiful embroidered and fancy linens, silk robes, pyjamas, woollen gloves, gold novelties, etc. Cathay Embroidery Co., 150 Laidlaw Building, 410 Szechuen Road. Opens 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily including Sundays. -6746

RADIOS: Christmas sale from $50 up to $300. We carry a large stock of all-wave receivers. Real bargain. Phoebus Radio Service Co. 529 Avenue Foch. Telephone 76651. -6783

CHRISTMAS presents, Butter-dishes, cake-boxes, curry and hors-d'oeuvres sets. 591 Bubbling Well Road, House 104. -6777

BRAZIL cigars, real Dannemann. Just arrived. Nicot Products Co., 210 Kiukiang Road, Room 104, Telephone 15921. -6594

IDEAL Christmas gifts. Portable gramophones from $30 upward. Christmas records. Robinson Piano Co., 276 Kiangse Road. 12927

WE suggest for Christmas gifts our fur coats. Visit our fur department, 46 Route de Grouchy. Telephone 73740. -6302

STOCKINGS, a most welcome Christmas gift. Complete range at Crown Hosiery, 239 Cardinal Mercier. Telephone 73539. 12752

CONFECTIONERY, chocolates etc, Kiessling and Bader's renowned products make ideal Christmas presents. Gascogne Cafe, 1214 Avenue Joffre. Telephone 70962. -6529

BEST Christmas gifts for gentlemen: shirts, pyjamas, mufflers, handkerchiefs, socks, ties, etc. Obtainable at Koneff's, 823 Avenue Joffre. 13041

JACKETS, leather coats, raincoats, capes in large stock. What could be nicer for a Christmas present? British Manufacturing Co., 795 Bubbling Well Road. Open all day Sunday. 12693

A SUBSCRIPTION to the "North-China Daily News" costs $24 only for the year. The recipient will be reminded of this Christmas present 360 times. For particulars telephone 11055.

BEST useful gifts. Silver, gold, platinum, diamonds, watches, clocks cut glass. and other valuable goods, at lowest prices, you can afford to pay, at I. Ilitovich Jewellery Store, 867 Avenue Joffre, opposite Cathay Theatre. Also new diamond settings, watches, clocks repairing. Full guarantee. -6247

A COURSE of correspondence tuition in Bookkeeping or other Commercial subject costs but little and the recipient will benefit throughout his or her business career. British School of Accountancy, 264, Kiangse Road. Telephone 14967. -6647

## Business Opportunities

FINANCE available for investment in sound established business requiring capital for expansion. Address Box 3347, NCDN. 12759

WANTED Chinese partner to open foreign-managed boarding house. capital $5,000 required. Address Box 3593, NCDN. -6601

## Wanted to Purchase

SECOND-hand refrigerator wanted. Send full particulars, price to Post Office Box 1635. -6735

STAMPS. Will buy ordinary Chinese stamps, collections, also remainders. Philatelia, Poste Restante, General Post Office. -6704

WANTED to buy second-hand Bell & Howell double eight Filmo, in good condition. Reply to Box 3662. NCDN. 13072

WANTED to buy 30 tons of whole myrabollams J No. 1 grade. Apply to Box 3669, NCDN. -6764

COLLECTORS desiring to dispose of Chinese art objects, communicate Box 3644, NCDN. stating particulars. -6645

## Lost

BLACK and white Shaeffer's lifetime fountain-pen, near Avenue Petain/Route Winling. Monday or Tuesday morning. Reward $30. Apartment 8, Picardie. -6752

## Mortgages and Loans

MONEY available for mortgages on small investment properties with title deed registration. Address particulars Post Office Box 4014. -6745

WANTED, loan £7,500, four years. Security income producing property worth £15,000. Address Box 3655, NCDN. -6744

## Radios

FOR SALE, one G.E. 9 metal tube, all-wave radio and phono combination, beautiful Console cabinet, for 110 v. or 220 v., $385 or nearest offer. Telephone 72871 every morning. -6738

$2. For thorough cleaning, inspecting, minor repairs, balancing, by experienced expert. Telephone 35879. Chang's Radio Corporation, 536 Avenue Joffre. -6640

RADIOS expertly repaired. Radio Corporation of Asia, Authorised RCA Victor Service Station, 361 Foch, Telephone 82304, 86149. -6628

JUST imported, deluxe Philco all-wave radio for 6-volt battery power for ship or outport, $300. New broadcast radios $85. American Radio Equipment Co. 55 Yuen-Ming-Yuen Road. 12964

PURCHASE and sell, second-hand radios, also for repairing. Modern Radio Service, 356 Avenue Foch, Telephone 38147. -6669

RADIO repairs by foreign engineers. No sky high prices. Telephone 43282 and you will be satisfied. -6352

RADIOS promptly repaired Telephone 13750. Ask for Mr. Stewart. Complete service Philco, Zenith, Westinghouse, all leading makes. Oldest, best equipped in Shanghai. American Radio Equipment Co. 12850

## For Sale—Miscellaneous

LADIES' initialed handkerchiefs, 35 cents. Gentlemen's initialed handkerchiefs, 62 cents. Guests towels, 55 cents. Fine lace-edged mats, 70 cents. Beautifully embroidered handkerchiefs, $1 box. Georgette handkerchiefs, 90 cents. Applique tea-sets, $1.35. Brocade-silk initialed scarves, $2.35. Double bed-sheets, $4.50. Many latest laces and linens at unbelievably low prices. Lace & Linen Syndicate, 114 Peking Road, hours 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. 13070

SEWING machine, German make, in good condition. $50. Telephone 71235. -6748

GENUINE Japanese deep red fox fur and silver fox pelt. New Continental Trading Co., 5th floor., Industrial Bank of China Building, 14 Museum Road. -6737

RARE occasion. For sale Russian sables, ermine wrap, mink coat, almost new. 341 Avenue Albert, King Albert Apartments, Apartment 6. -6732

FOR SALE, dinner, tea silver sets. Old Moscow work. On View at Osipoff's, 351 Avenue Joffre. -6637

ONE each, 1.4; 1.5; 1.9 and 3.5 Zeiss lens for 16 mm. Bell & Howell movie camera. Also one wide angle lens for Cine Kodak special. Box 3663, NCDN. 13073

FEW diamond rings and other jewellery for sale at reasonable price. 382 du Roi Albert from 10 a.m.—5 p.m. -6776

PIANO-accordion, 41 keys, 120 basses, in almost new condition. Reasonable price. Address Box 3660, NCDN. 13076

SPORTING gun, Herstal, repeating, 5 shots, calibre 12, perfect condition, $200 or nearest offer. Box 3648, NCDN. -6728

OWNER leaving, must sell baby grand piano, good condition. Telephone 16904. 13081

KW Pilot 6 x 6 Reflex camera, F-3.5 with supplementary lens and optochrom filter, less than ½ year in use, perfect condition. Price $100 cash. Box 3666, NCDN. -6768

NICK'S second-hand furniture store. Buying and selling new and second-hand furniture, household effects, etc. 146A Route des Sœurs, Telephone 73937. -6038

A nice stamp collection of China. British Colonies, neatly fixed on Octava Sheets, also thousands of stamps of China, British Colonies and America, fixed on booklets. Telephone 33971, from 2 to 5 p.m. No dealers. -6242

MANGO in oil, Esmagalo, Chouricos Cozidos, Mango Pulp, Condiments. Bombay Provision Store, 262 Avenue Road, Telephone 37940. -5467

$165. Full equipment of doctor's gynecological cabinet. Slightly used. Apply 353 Avenue Roi Albert, Apartment 1. -6432

WASKA stoves, hire/sale. Coal briquettes for same. Economic Heating Co., 334A Roi Albert, Telephone 74816. -6264

SILVER-foxes, best quality, just received. Prices moderate. 9 Rue Paul Henry, Apartment 10, from 9 a.m.-11 a.m., 1 p.m.-4 p.m. -6616

FOR SALE. Pipe-reed organ, suitable for church. Also cabaret, skating rink, cinema, dancing school, or other amusement centre. Apply House 3, 750 Hart Road, 1-8 p.m. Telephone 31550. 12985

HATS, latest models, offered at reasonable prices. Mrs. Melik, 112/6 Ferry Road, from 10-12 to 4-6. -6677

$300. Imported piano in good condition, suitable Christmas present. Telephone 21568. -6699

SHIRTS made to measure. Genuine silk $6.50. "Duro," "Wemco," $7.50. "Tootal," $12.50. Razon's, 12 Central Road. 12654

STEEL imported cabinets, desks and safes, typewriter practically new, also first-class house furniture. Address Box 3609, NCDN. -6643

CHRISTMAS tree decorations; unbreakable dolls, arrived from Europe. Selling disregarding high exchange at popular prices. Never before such selections. Globe Book Store, 858 Avenue Joffre. -6534

EVENING suits as good as new, $15.-$30. Shanghai Second-hand Store, 762 Nanking Road, Telephone 93039. -6276

## To Advertisers

The following replies are being held at this office, and the owners of the undermentioned Box numbers are requested to call for same before Dec. 25 after which date they will be destroyed. Nos. 3020, 3057, 3076, 3035, 3168, 3179, 3180, 3189, 3190, 3211, 3215, 3255, 3266, 3292, 3330, 3375, 3377, 3393, 3416, 3422, 3457, 3472, 3477.

## Dancing

BORIS Goertz's Dancing School. Dancing lessons given, private and class, success guaranteed, time at pupils' convenience. Fees moderate. Apply first floor, 1041 Bubbling Well Road. -6207

LAMBETH walk, foxtrot, waltz and tango, taught by an experienced lady. 1191 Bubbling Well, corner Seymour Road, Apartment 1A. -6514

MISS Lilian Grey, qualified instructress in ballroom dances, gives private lessons at Waldemar's Dancing Academy, 1272 Avenue Joffre. -6145

## Animals

TRAINING school for dogs. Any kind of training. Board $18.00 a month. For sale Spitz pups, Bolong and others. 1866 Avenue Haig, Beleff.

WIRE-haired terrier for sale. Good Christmas present. 139, Macgregor Road, House 7. -6767

FOR SALE, police dog, two years old and police puppy, five months, cheap for good home. Owner leaving Shanghai. Apply 175 Route Winling, Apartment 17. -6726

FOR SALE, two pedigreed Cairn terrier pups (dog and bitch). Registered C.K.C. Can be seen evenings 5 to 7 at 74/169 Avenue Dubail. -6628

BUYING a pup. Safeguard yourself and buy only China Kennel Club registered dogs, Insist on this. 12737

FOR SALE, puppies Dobermann and pointer of 6 weeks, 237 Route Gaston Kahn. -6532

WANTED Alsatian and Doberman pincher, thoroughbred only. Address Box 3621, NCDN. -6673

FOR SALE, one bull-terrier, 7 months, pedigreed. Telephone Park Hotel, Room 1015. -6683

FOR SALE. Highly pedigreed wire-haired puppies, 1½ month old (bitches). 235 Route G. Kahn, Apreleff. -6607

## Rooms Without Board

TO LET: Large room furnished facing south. 20/4 Seymour Road corner Foch. Telephone 32340. -6774

GERMAN lady has steam-heated ground floor room to let with separate entrance Yu Yuen Road, Telephone 74982. -6785

ROOM, unfurnished, south, steam-heating, hot water, 234 Yuyuen Road, Apartment 14 (near Paramount). -6725

ROOM, private bathroom, separate entrance, in apartment (British). Board optional. Telephone 76297. -6657

ROOM to let, with all modern conveniences. Apply to Embankment Building, Apartment 231. -6571

COMFORTABLY furnished rooms for men. Club facilities. Navy Y.M.C.A. 12653

DESIRABLE accommodation available, steamheated, quiet, clean house, for transient guests, daily terms $2.50-3.50. Telephone 74982. -6061

TO LET, furnished room, private bathroom, boxroom, verandah, etc., board optional, vicinity Sayzoong. Telephone 78141 tiffin time. 13045

LARGE, furnished room to let in private house. 23 Tifeng Road. -6656

TO LET, one room in modern apartment, with all modern conveniences, for single person. Telephone 76490. -6705

TWO-roomed flat or one room, furnished/unfurnished, with steam-heating, next to Jessfield Park. Telephone 20301. -6604

BACHELOR. Beautiful, large, south, well-furnished; verandah, bathroom; also smaller room. Detached house (English). Telephone 71115. 12965

## Rooms with Board

LARGE, beautiful, sunny room with balcony, steam-heated, in apartment. With board or use of kitchen. Telephone 73469, 12.15 to 1.15 or after 9 p.m. -6772

HANKOW Apartments, 125 Hankow Road. Large/small rooms, with or without board. -6769

LARGE, south, steam-heated enclosed verandah. Only for two foreigners. With full board. 209 Haig, Flat 2. -6778

84 Carter Road, Lane 41. Comfortable double/single rooms, with private bathrooms, excellent food, under British management. Telephone 30582. -6751

THE Towers, 1182 Avenue Road. Comfortable single/double rooms, private bathrooms, steamheating, excellent food. Telephone 35534, Mrs. Lupton. -6400

AMERICAN home, attractive large south room, adjoining bath, verandah, central heating. Full board. Telephone 72425. References. -6548

YORK House, 31 Rue Massenet. One double room, facing south and one single room, private bathrooms. Steamheating. Garden. Moderate rates. Telephone 73015. A. Anderson. -6697

NICE rooms to let, with full board and without. Mrs. A. Stunzi, 456 Seymour Road, Telephone 30648. -6581

## Wanted to Rent

RESPONSIBLE foreigner desires to take over immediately/January two/three-roomed apartment from someone going on leave. Also willing to take a flat with board. Address Box 3651, NCDN. -6736

WANTED by two foreigners beginning of January, for four/five months, three-roomed, furnished apartment with all modern conveniences, in the Settlement. Telephone 19090, during office hours. -6722

ARMY officer desires occupation, furnished flat, bungalow house, western district, French Concession, February to October. Address Box 3658, NCDN. -6754

WANTED, one or two roomed flat with modern conveniences but without furniture. Address Box 3670 NCDN. -6786

RESPONSIBLE British couple (no children) desire to take over two/three-roomed apartment (February), from someone going on leave. Address Box 3533, NCDN. -6491

WANTED to rent by responsible party, three or four-roomed apartment or small house, furnished or unfurnished. Please address Box 3625, NCDN. -6690

WANTED by young girl, room and board in a private Jewish/Russian home, western district. Address Box 3631, NCDN. 13053

WANTED by American family, two bedrooms, one living-room, dining room, kitchen and bath, steam heat, unfurnished apartment or house. Box 3626, NCDN. -6685

FOREIGN lady desires one or one-and-half roomed apartment, steamheated, French Concession; or room with separate entrance and bathroom. Box 3543. NCDN. -6502

FOREIGN couple wish two/five-roomed apartment, now or middle January. Will buy furniture. Box 3619, NCDN. -6587

WANTED, three or four-roomed, furnished or unfurnished apartment, by American couple without children. Will consider a sub-lease or take over furniture. Telephone 75343. -6584

## Furnished Houses

TO responsible person, for six/seven months, from end of January, small furnished house, in quiet locality. Please reply to Box 3653, NCDN. -6742

530 Hungjao Road, modern bungalow, two bedrooms, two bathrooms, sitting-room, dining-room and garage. Furnished/unfurnished. Moderate rental. Telephone 29513 or Box 3618, NCDN. -6540

## Beauty Culture, etc.

*Advertisements under this heading are carefully scrutinized before acceptance, and though no guarantee can be given readers may be reasonably assured of their bona fides.*

LADY gives general massage from 10-6 p.m., 153 Nanking Road, Flat A2, 4th. floor, Room 401. -6542

MEN'S barber; also special hair treatment (dandruff, falling hair, scalp massage), by a lady expert. Manicure. For ladies: hair-cut, marcel wave, 331 Rue Bourgeat. Telephone 74757. -6391

1205 BUBBLING WELL Road, Apartment 15. Massage. -6216

FULLY-qualified masseur, diploma, gives Swedish, medical massage, at client's home, by appointment. Telephone 73861 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. -5488

MISS Caroline gives general massage, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily. 353 Kiangse Road, Flat 401. Telephone 19134. -5987

LADY gives general massage, manicure, 10-7 p.m. 205 Peking Road. Apartment 30, Second Floor. 12680

# Vessels Leaving

## NORTH CHINA COAST

**KAIPING** Dec. 18. CHINWANGTAO DIRECT.—The Kailan Mining Administration will despatch the steamer Kaiping, Captain J. B. Struth, on Sunday, Dec. 18, 1938. For freight or passage apply to the Agent, 30 Foochow Road. Tel. 11070. 18-12

**YUSANG** Dec. 18. CHEFOO and TIENTSIN.—Sails from Roosevelt Terminal Buoys on Sunday, Dec. 18, at 10 a.m. Tender for passengers from Customs Jetty at 9 a.m. Sunday. For freight and passage apply Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. Tel. 15290. 18-12

**LIANGCHOW** Dec. 20. TSINGTAO, WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO and TIENTSIN. — From French Bund on Tuesday, Dec. 20, at 9 a.m. For freight apply to Butterfield & Swire, Tel. 82020 (French Bund). 20-12

**WOSANG** Dec. 20. CHEFOO and TIENTSIN.—Sails from Roosevelt Terminal Buoys on Tuesday, Dec. 20, at 9 a.m. Tender for passengers from Customs Jetty at 8 a.m. Tuesday. For freight and passage apply Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. Tel. 15290. 20-12

**FAUSANG** Dec. 22. TSINGTAO.—Sails from Roosevelt Terminal Wharf on Thursday, Dec. 22. "A" and "B" Saloon Accommodation. For freight and passage apply Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. Tel. 15290. 22-12

**HANGSANG** Dec. 22. CHEFOO and TIENTSIN.—Sails from Roosevelt Terminal Wharf on Thursday, Dec. 22. For freight apply Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. Tel. 15290. 22-12

**SHUNTIEN** Dec. 24. WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO and TIENTSIN.—From French Bund on Saturday, Dec. 24, at noon. For freight and passage apply to Butterfield & Swire, Tel. 82020 (French Bund). 24-12

**TAISANG** Dec. 24. CHEFOO and TIENTSIN.—Sails from Roosevelt Terminal Wharf on Saturday, Dec. 24. "A" and "B" Saloon Accommodation. For freight and passage apply Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. Tel. 15290. 24-12

**HELENUS** Dec. 26. DAIREN.—For freight and passage apply Agents, Butterfield & Swire, 21 French Bund. Tel. 82020. 26-12

## SOUTH CHINA COAST

**SUIYANG** Dec. 18. SWATOW and HONGKONG.—From French Bund on Sunday, Dec. 18, at 9 a.m. For freight and passage apply to Butterfield & Swire, Tel. 82020 (French Bund). 18-12

**SZECHUEN** Dec. 20. SWATOW, HONGKONG, HOIHOW, PAKHOI and HAIPHONG. From French Bund on Tuesday, Dec. 20, at 9 a.m. For freight and passage apply to Butterfield & Swire, Tel. 82020 (French Bund). 20-12

**LEESANG** Dec. 21. FOOCHOW, HSINGWHA, SWATOW and HONGKONG. — Sails from Roosevelt Terminal Wharf on Wednesday, Dec. 21, at 9 a.m. For freight and passage apply Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. Tel. 15290. 20-12

**TAIYUAN** Dec. 21. AMOY and HONGKONG.—From French Bund on Wednesday, Dec. 21, at 9 a.m. For freight and passage apply to Butterfield & Swire, Tel. 82020 (French Bund). 21-12

**TJINEGARA** Dec. 22. AMOY, HONGKONG, MANILA, CEBU, MACASSAR, BALI, SOERABAIA and JAVA N.C.—The J.C.J.L. ms. Tjinegara sails from Holt's Wharf, Pootung on Thursday, December 22, at 11 a.m., taking cargo to Java and transhipment in Java. Excellent passenger accommodation. Passengers tender leaves Customs Jetty at 9.30 a.m. Through tickets issued to European, Australian and African Ports. For particulars apply to the Java-China-Japan Lijn Agentschap Shanghai N.V., Brunner Mond Building, 133 Szechuen Road. Tel. 16247 (4 Lines). 21-12

**WINGSANG** Dec. 22. SWATOW, HONGKONG, KWONGCHOWWAN, HOIHOW, PAKHOI and HAIPHONG.—Sails from Roosevelt Terminal Wharf on Thursday, Dec. 22, at 11 a.m. "A" and "B" Saloon Accommodation. For freight and passage apply Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. Tel. 15290. 22-12

**SHANTUNG** Dec. 23. SWATOW, HONGKONG, KWONGCHOWWAN, HOIHOW and HAIPHONG.—From French Bund on Friday, Dec. 23, at 11 a.m. For freight and passage apply to Butterfield & Swire, Tel. 82020 (French Bund). 23-12

## STRAITS AND EUROPE

**BELLEROPHON** Dec. 19. HAVRE, LIVERPOOL and BROMBOROUGH.—For freight apply Agents, Butterfield & Swire, 21 French Bund. Tel. 82020. 19-12

**CORFU** Dec. 20. MARSEILLES, GIBRALTAR and LONDON via HONGKONG, SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, BOMBAY, ADEN, PORT SAID and MALTA.—Last tender leaves Customs Jetty 1.30 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 20. Hand packages only will be accepted by the Tender. Heavy Baggage will be received into Lighter at Customs Jetty between 2 and 3 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 19. Customs Permit required for nailed cases. For Freight and Passage Apply to Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co., Agents, No. 27 The Bund. Tel. No. 11428. 20-12

# Vessels Leaving

## STRAITS AND EUROPE

**NORDMARK** Dec. 19. ANTWERP, ROTTERDAM and HAMBURG via PORTS.—(Captain C. Wullweber), on or about Dec. 19, 1938. For freight please apply to Hamburg-Amerika Linie, Filiale Shanghai, 20 Canton Road. Tel. 18709. 19-12

**C. BIANCAMANO** Dec. 21. NAPLES and GENOA via HONGKONG, MANILA, SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, BOMBAY, MASSOWAH and PORT SAID. —The Lloyd Triestino s.s. Conte Biancamano will sail from Shanghai on December 21, at 3 a.m. sharp. For Freight and Passage apply Lloyd Triestino, 26 The Bund. Tel. 16885. 21-12

**MAR. JOFFRE** Dec. 22. MARSEILLES via HONGKONG SAIGON, SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, DJIBOUTI, SUEZ and PORT SAID.—Messageries Maritimes, 9 Avenue Edward VII. Tel. 82034. 22-12

**MENESTHEUS** Dec. 24. MARSEILLES, CASABLANCA, LONDON, ROTTERDAM, HAMBURG and GLASGOW. For freight and passage apply Agents, Butterfield & Swire, 21 French Bund. Tel. 82020. 24-12

**BANGALORE** Dec. 27. BOMBAY, MARSEILLES, CASABLANCA, HAVRE, HULL, HAMBURG, ROTTERDAM, ANTWERP and LONDON via HONGKONG, STRAITS and CEYLON.—Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co., Agents, P. & O. S. N. Co., 27 The Bund. Tel. 11428. 27-12

**NANKING** Dec. 27. ALGIERS, ORAN, CASABLANCA, ANTWERP, ROTTERDAM, HAMBURG, OSLO and GOTHENBURG.—The Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd.'s m.s. Nanking will leave Shanghai on or about December 27, for the above mentioned ports. Through Bills of Lading to all Scandinavian and Baltic ports. Cargo for U.K. ports accepted on Optional Bs/L. For freight and passage please apply to the Ekman Foreign Agencies Ltd., Hamilton House, Foochow Road Entrance. Tel. 11330. 27-12

**AFRIKA** Jan. 1. PORT SAID, JAFFA, HAIFA, BEYROUTH, ROTTERDAM, HAMBURG and COPENHAGEN via HONGKONG and SINGAPORE.—The East Asiatic Co.'s Motorship Afrika, Captain E. Broholm Jensen, will be despatched from here on or about January 1, for the above-mentioned ports. Cargo accepted on through Bills of Lading to all Continental, Baltic and Scandinavian ports. Optional Bills of Lading issued to U.K. ports. For freight and passage apply to Agency of The East Asiatic Co., Ltd., 17 Canton Road. Tel. 15055. 1-1

## AMERICA

**NIEL MAERSK** Jan. 1, 1939. LOS ANGELES and via PANAMA to NEW YORK, BOSTON, PHILADELPHIA, BALTIMORE, SAVANNAH and NORFOLK. For Freight and Passage apply to Melchers & Co., Agents, Maersk Line, 210-214 Kiukiang Road. Tel. 15566. 1-1

## SOUTH AND EAST AFRICA

**BOISSEVAIN** Dec. 27. RODRIGUEZ, MAURITIUS, REUNION, TAMATAVE, LOURENCO MARQUES, DURBAN, CAPETOWN, MOSSEL BAY, PORT ELIZABETH, EAST LONDON, ZANZIBAR and MOMBASA via HONGKONG, MANILA, SAIGON, BANGKOK, (Koh-Si-Chang) SINGAPORE and BATAVIA.—The K.P.M. Line ms. Boissevain sails from Holt's Wharf, Pootung on Tuesday, December 27. Cargo accepted for all ports in South, East and West Africa, also East Coast of South America. For passage and freight apply to the Java-China-Japan Lijn Agentschap Shanghai N.V., Agents, K.P.M. Line Brunner Mond Building, 133 Szechuen Road. Tel. Nos. 16247 (4 Lines). 27-12

# Vessels Discharging

**FLINTSHIRE.** From London arrived on Dec. 15, and is discharging her cargo at Holt's Wharf, Pootung. Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature. Consignees of "Bulk Cargo" are further requested to send their representative to the Wharf to verify the weight of such cargo whilst being landed. Free storage period expires on December 24, 1938. Damaged cargo will be examined in the presence of a Customs Officer on Monday, December 19, at 10 a.m. Claims must be presented within 15 days of vessel's arrival. No insurance effected. Butterfield & Swire, Inward Agents. 18-12

**ASTORIA.** The Maersk Line m.s. Astoria, from New York, Baltimore, Philadelphia, Norfolk, Los Angeles, Yokohama and Kobe via Ports is now discharging her cargo at the Shanghai and Hongkew Wharf, Shanghai side. Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature and take immediate delivery of their cargo. All risk of fire at the wharf and godowns to be borne by consignees. Any claims against this vessel must be sent in within (15) fifteen days after the vessel's arrival, otherwise they will not be recognized. Damaged cargo to be examined at the Shanghai and Hongkew Wharf, Shanghai side by Messrs. Paulsen & Bayes Davy on Thursday morning, December 22, at 9 a.m. Maersk Line Agents: Melchers & Co., 210-214 Kiukiang Road. Tel. 15566. 20-12

# Post Office Notices

Earlier posting at Sub-Offices is requested in order to make connection with the below-mentioned closing times

(Last connecting time from Sub-Offices to Head Office is 19.35 on week days and 19.05 on Sunday).

| Date and Destination | Per | | Reg. | Ord. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **SUNDAY, Dec. 18.** | | | | |
| Kiangpei Offices east of Jukao | Liwo | | 16.00 | 16.00 |
| Foochow | Norse Carrier | | 19.00 | 19.00 |
| **MONDAY, Dec. 19.** | | | | |
| Japan Korea and Formosa via Nagasaki | Nagasaki M. | | *19.00 | 7.15 |
| H'lulu U.S.A. (L) Canada (L) Europe (L) via Pacific | Nagasaki M. | | *19.00 | 7.15 |
| Foochow | Solviken | | *19.00 | 7.15 |
| Haimen Che. | Don Pedro | | 7.30 | 8.00 |
| Ningpo | Shukwang | X | 8.30 | 9.00 |
| Haimen Che. | Kendor | | 12.30 | 13.00 |
| H'kong Aust. N.Z. Europe | Nordmark | AY | 15.30 | 16.00 |
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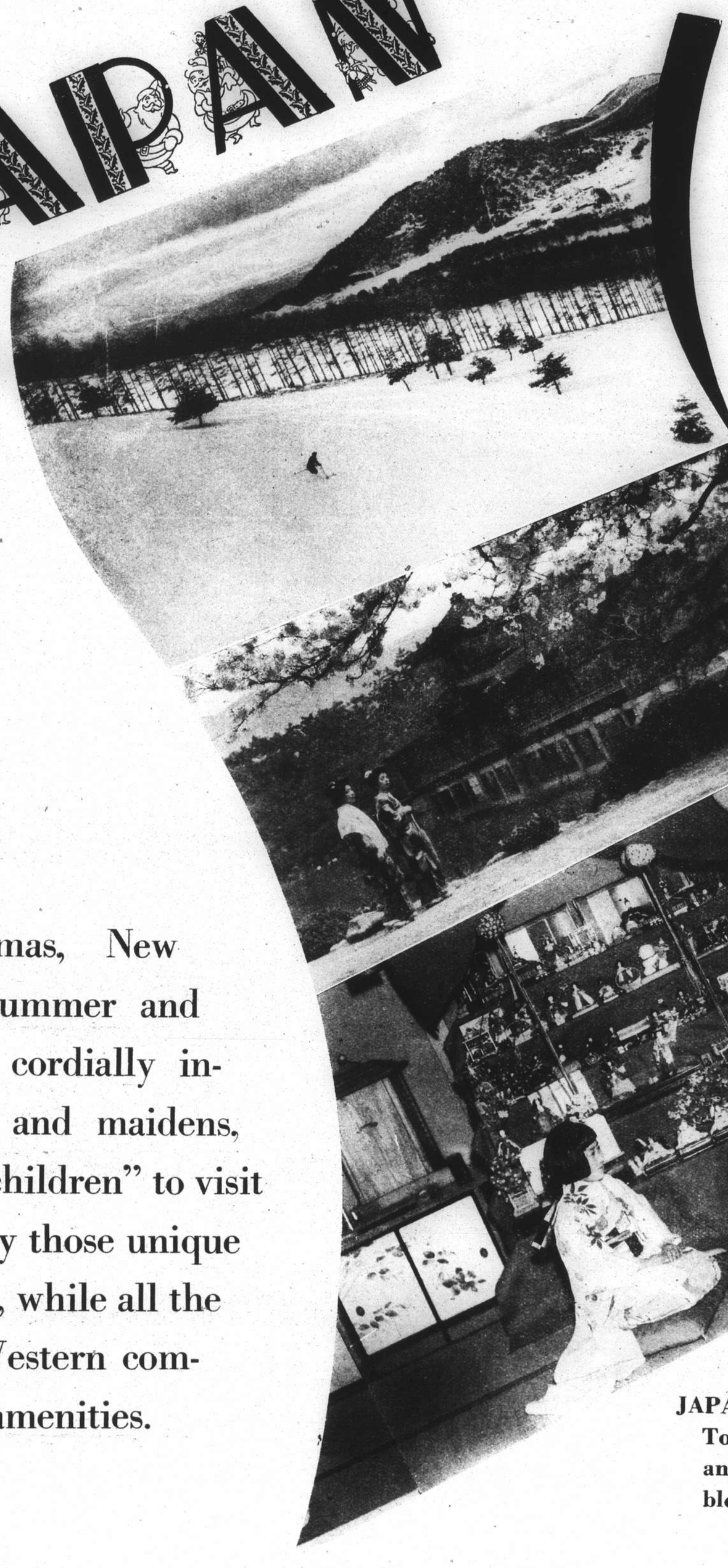

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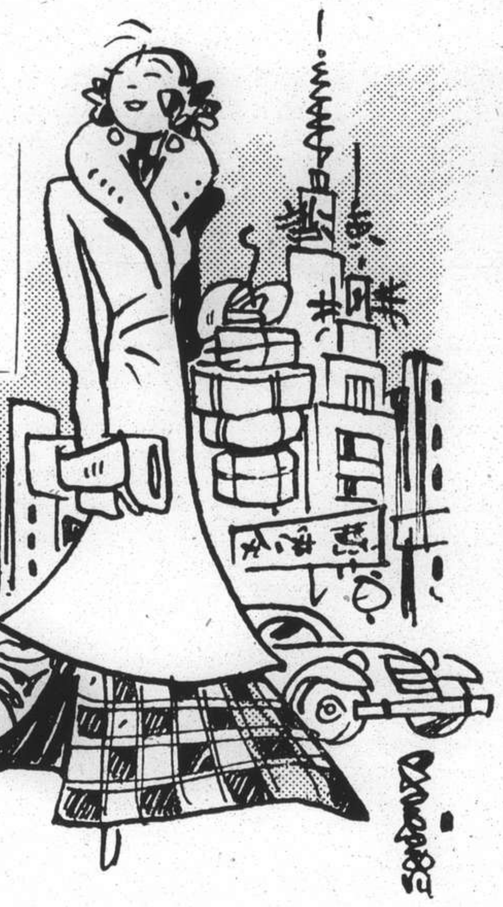
# In Celebrating Christmas

***there is always a reason for Joy: to find it will refresh the spirit to face again the Future***



A WEEK hence the second great feast of the Christian Church will be celebrated. It can never rank first because of the greater significance of Easter, but it can be looked upon as the commencement of that tragic journey the culmination of which has meant so much to so large a portion of the inhabitants of this globe. There will be those who will regard the day as one of happy solemnity, other, perhaps more worldly minded, who will indulge in high wassail, casting aside for a brief spell the anxieties of the year, manufacturing a temporary brightness in what appears to be the encircling gloom.

Shanghai, and indeed the whole of China where there are Christians, will be celebrating this great feast in circumstances which have only been paralleled by those of a twelvemonth ago, and to many it will be somewhat of an effort to throw dull care aside for a short while in order to rejoice. Rejoice over what? there will be many to ask, sad souls who cannot see the wood for the trees, who cannot perceive the mercies which have been vouchsafed to us in this stricken land, and whose faith in the future has been dimmed by the unpleasantnesses of the present. It may be a little difficult to find cause for rejoicing in conditions as they are, especially for those who find no comfort in the religious meaning of the day. But if on such an occasion the heart can find no justification for joy, it is indeed poor unto bankruptcy.

There is compensation to be found in the very fact that we have lived another year in this very wonderful world, have watched with trembling present-day trends, have seen how goodwill has already surmounted some difficulties and given promises that the same good quality will help mankind to scale more. It may not be possible to exclaim with Browning "God's in His heaven, All's right with the world," though the first part of that quotation being true to the faithful is in itself a cause of rejoicing for them.

There has been so much written about Christmas that a new aspect is difficult to find. There will be some writers who will discuss learnedly the fact that at least three separate dates have been taken as the anniversary of the Birth, while others delving back to the works of Bede, will discover that

> "The ancient people of the Angli began the year on December 25, when we now celebrate the birthday of the Lord; and the very night which is now so holy to us they called in their tongue *modranecht*, that is, the mothers' night by reason, we suspect, of the ceremonies which in that nightlong vigil they performed."

There is the old story that December 25 was observed as the feast of Saturn, which would account for the merriment associated with it, but it is an interesting thought that before their conversion to Christianity the people of England were observing a mothers' night on what was to become the great Christian day. Bede, so completely orthodox as to have nothing to do with the retailing of heathen customs, fails to tell in what way mothers' night was observed, but if it was with feasting and jollity it would have been well within the possibilities.

It is but natural that Christmas should be so much of a children's festival, which makes its connection with its English predecessor all the more appropriate. Today week there will be much early stirring in the house, long before young people are generally awake, to investigate the contents of stockings that Santa Claus has filled in the stilly hours. That venerable saint will probably never die so long as there are any children, for even though as years progress the faith in him gradually is transformed into a shrewd belief that after all the red-faced, white-bearded gentleman in father's dressing-gown is father himself, and that in turn becomes a complete conviction, there has been a time in most lives when the bringer of good things on Christmas Day was a very real personality.

Modern developments, however, are doing much to stop some of the quaint practices of childhood. Thus, for example, the invention of steam heating has stopped one of the most convenient means of communicating wishes to him, for if there is no chimney in the house, how is it possible to shout up to him on the subject of the season's requirements? True, there is still the old method of writing to the benevolent old gentleman, but with postal services not entirely dependable, and with no fireplace in which to reduce the missive to the blackened wisp which floating aloft serves almost as well as the verbal communication, it is a little difficult to see how Santa Claus can possibly become thoroughly acquainted with the desires of his youthful customers.

Matters, however, can still be remedied if only one of the public utilities would only step into the breach. In this age of pride in service, it is astonishing that the telephone companies have not allocated Santa Claus a number of his very own. Think of the joy of being able to telephone personally to the old gentleman, and tell him for goodness sake not to bring round another bicycle this year as what is really wanted is a set of carpenter's tools. And just think of the joy of hearing a reply that the client's wishes will be carefully attended to. Yes, and just fancy the tribulation if on the fateful day the present consists of a model yacht or a pair of roller skates! But then those shouts up the chimney were not always gratified, so there may be something in the scheme after all, while the company would probably benefit by somewhat of an increase on the monthly bill.

And the moral to be drawn from this meandering is that we should not permit ourselves to be too depressed by present circumstances, that if there is not immediately ascertainable a reason for joy, one should be found, even if only to secure a momentary surcease from anxieties. To do so will be to achieve a great deal of psychological good, refreshing the spirit to face again the future.—R.T.P.-G.

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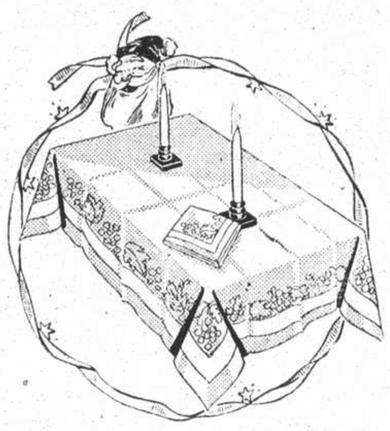

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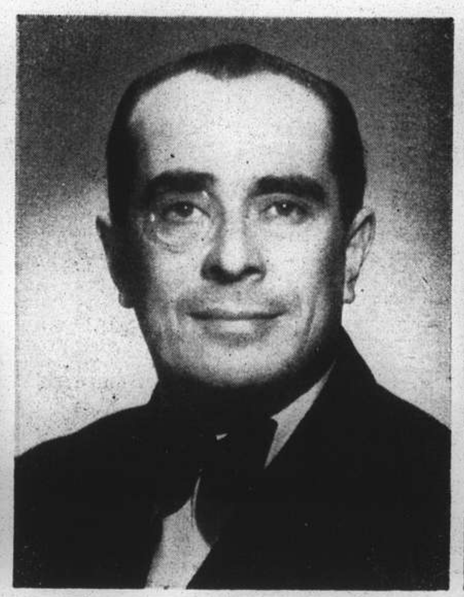


(*L. to r.*) Mme. R. H. Meadmore, as Countess Cecile Mariassy, M. Favak as Jean, the butler, and Mme. R. Jobez, as Katinka, have leading roles in "Ruy Blas 38."

Major Frederick E. Stack, of the U.S. Marine Corps, who was recently promoted to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel.—*Josepho.*

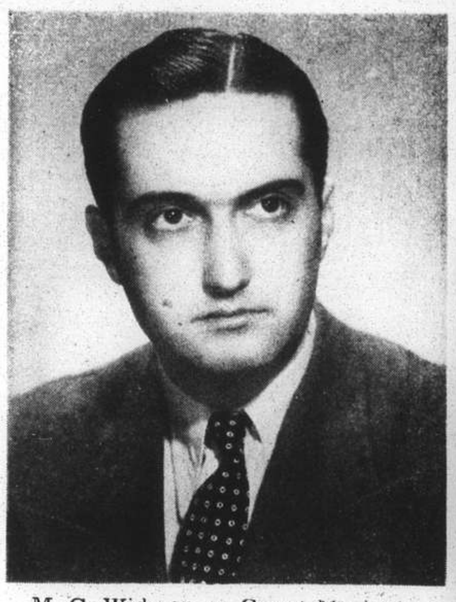
**Recent Promotions**

Maj.-Gen. A. P. D. Telfer-Smollett has been appointed Lieutenant-Governor of Guernsey with effect from June 5, 1939.—*Bann's.*

M. A. Bougon has an important part as Count Georges in "Ruy Blas 38."

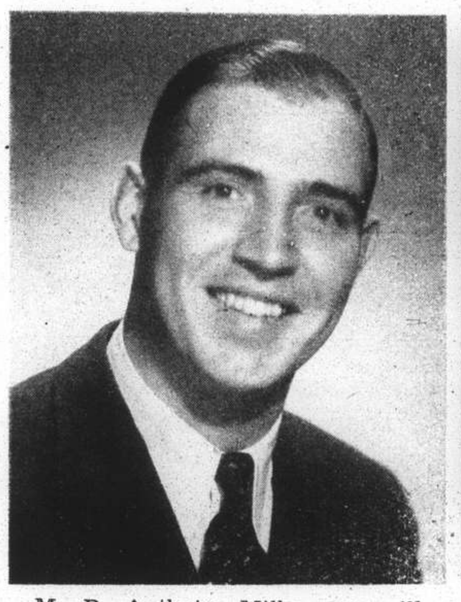
## "RUY BLAS 38"

The next amateur theatricals to take place in Shanghai will be the French A.D.C.'s production, "Ruy Blas 38," to be played at the Lyceum Theatre on Wednesday, December 21. The production is under the able direction of Mme. L. Chevretton.—*Photographs by Skvirsky.*



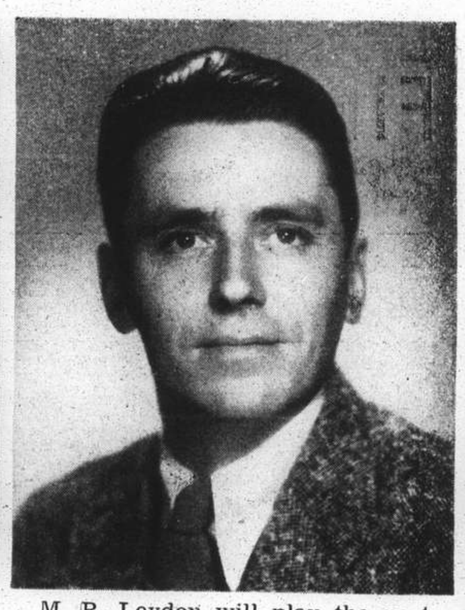
M. G. Widmer, as Count Mariassy, has one of the leading parts in "Ruy Blas 38."

At the Union Church Fun Fair, December 9 and 10: Mr. W. M. McLennan presided over the Books and Christmas Wrappings stall. Mrs. A. Y. Tait is seen at extreme left, making a purchase.—*N.C.D.N.*



M. P. Anthoine-Milhomme will take part in "Ruy Blas 38."

Mme. L. Chevretton is responsible for the production of the French A.D.C.'s next play.



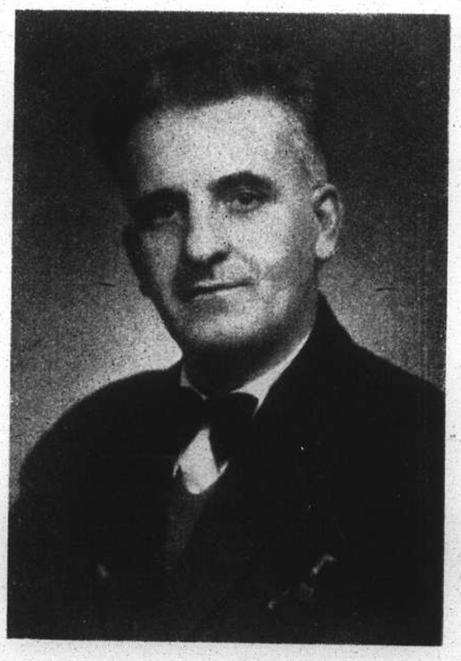
M. R. Leydon will play the part of Etienne in "Ruy Blas 38."

At the Union Church Fun Fair: Mrs. A. T. Aiers, Mrs. J. C. Smith and Mrs. W. M. McCoulstra were in charge of the White Elephant Stall.—*N.C.D.N.*

M. Y. Segalen, as a reporter, Mlle Colette Meadmore, as the maid, and M. P. Cousyn as the secretary, will be seen in the French A.D.C.'s production on December 21.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Tarzi paid a short visit to Shanghai recently on their way to North China and Manchoukuo. Mr. Tarzi is the Minister for Afghanistan to Japan.—*Josepho.*

Officers of U.S.S. Luzon who arrived in Shanghai on December 9 after being "bottled up" in the Yangtze for the past 16 months. (*Seated, l. to r.*) Lt. W. T. Kenny, Lt. Comdr. C. B. McVay, Lt. M. W. Clay. (*Standing*) Lt. F. A. Brock, Lt. S. T. Kasper, Lt. A. D. Kilmartin. Lt. P. F. Boyle.—*Josepho.*



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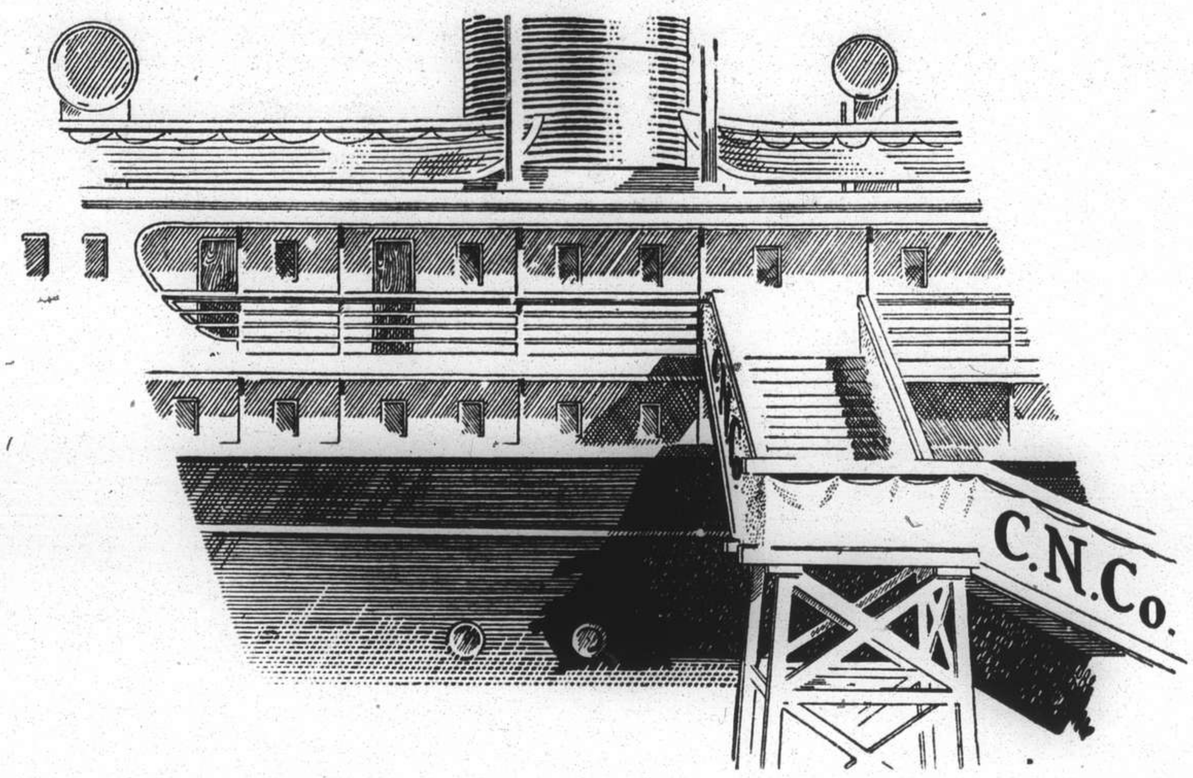


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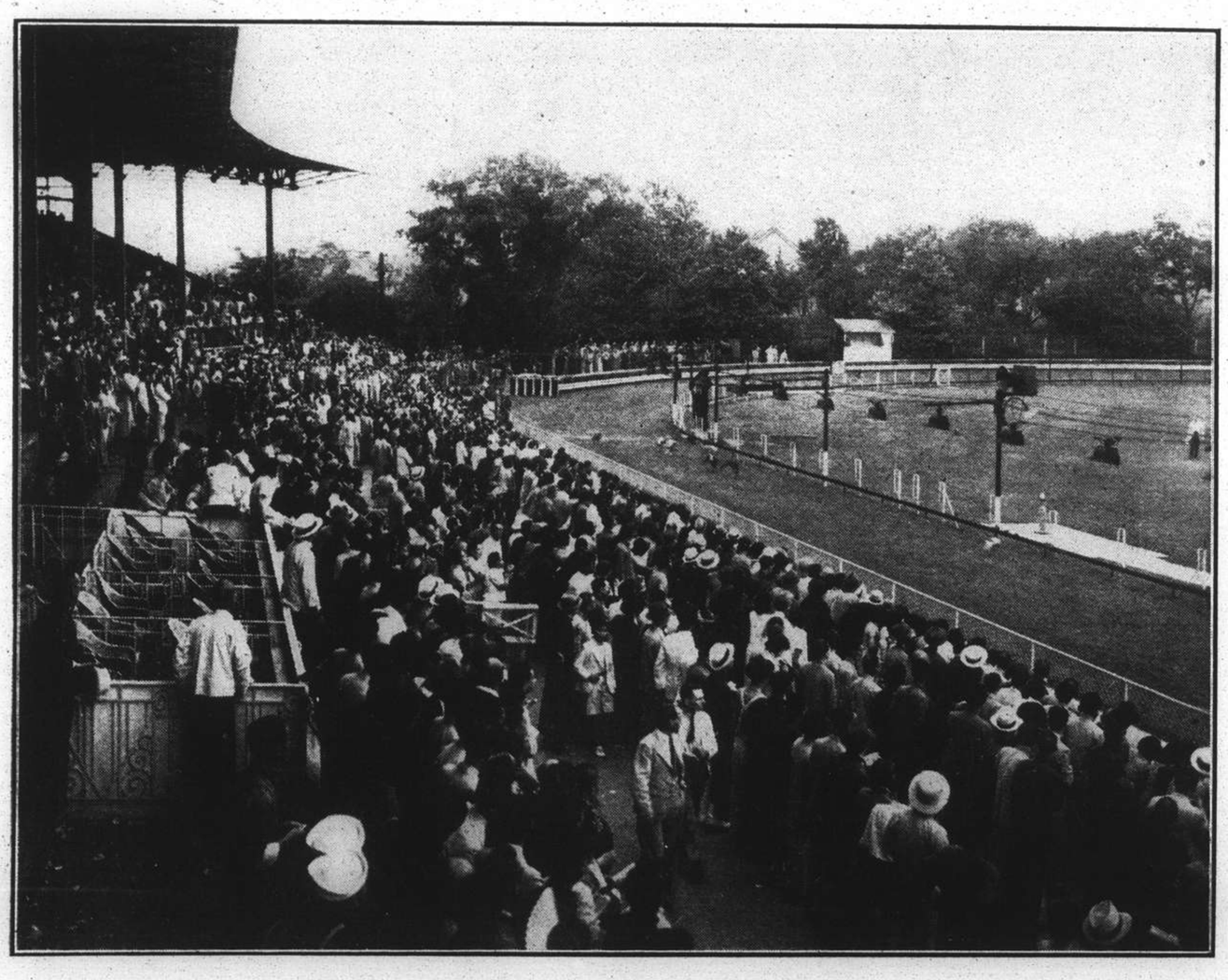

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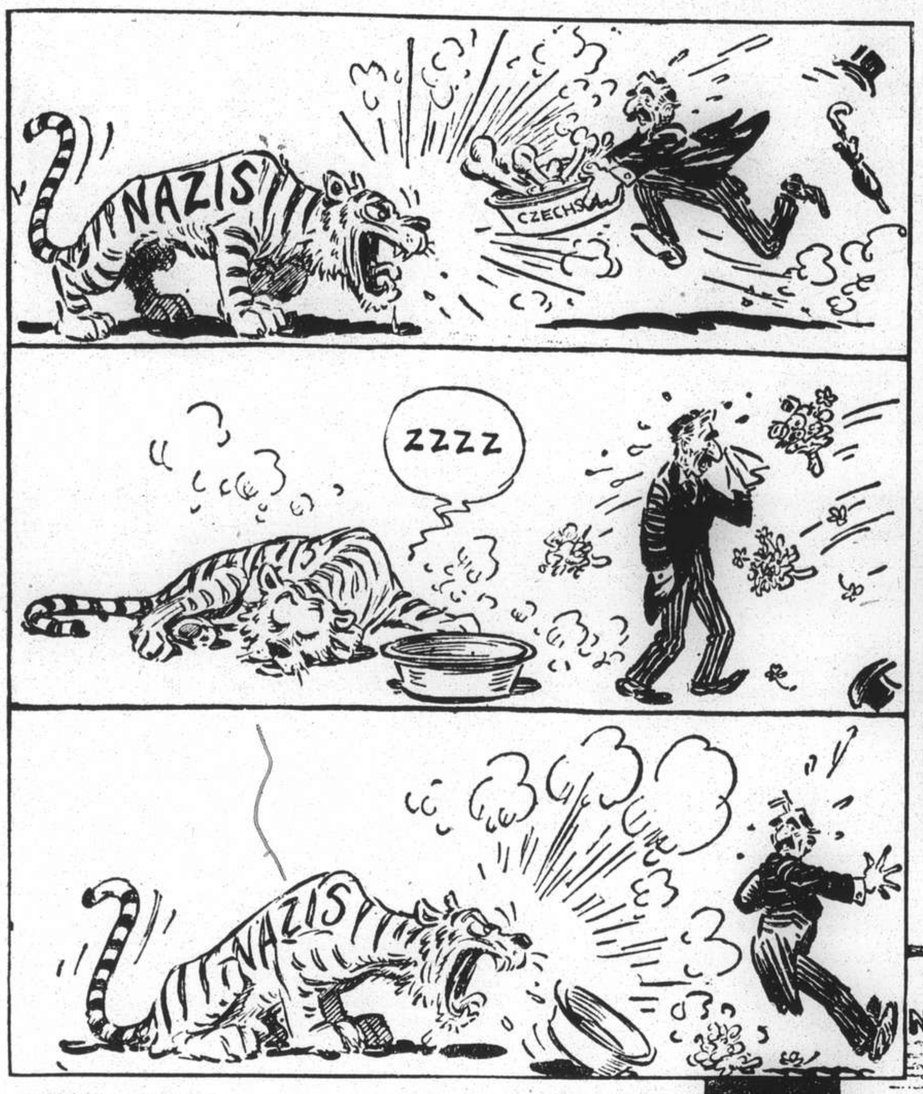


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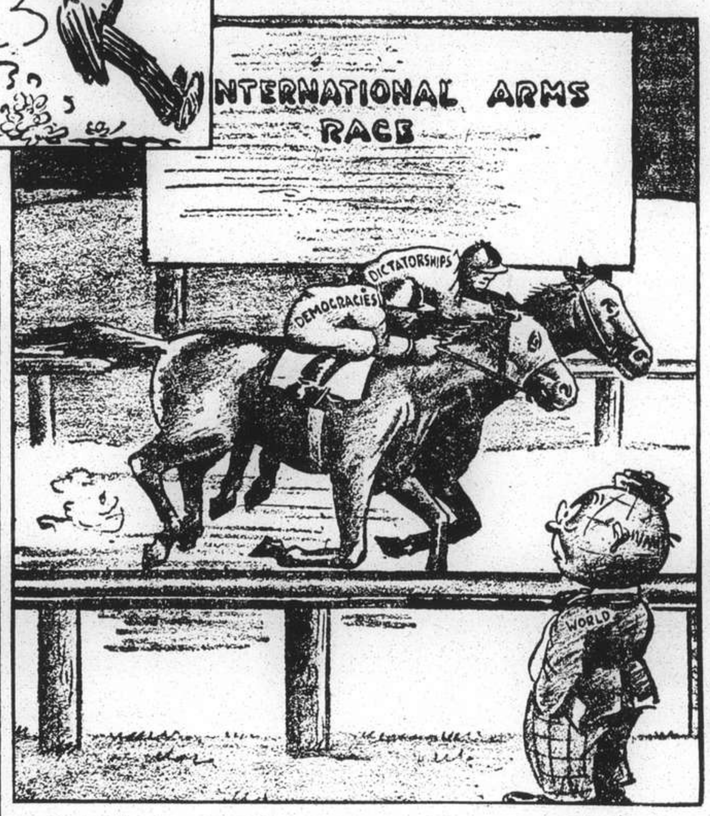


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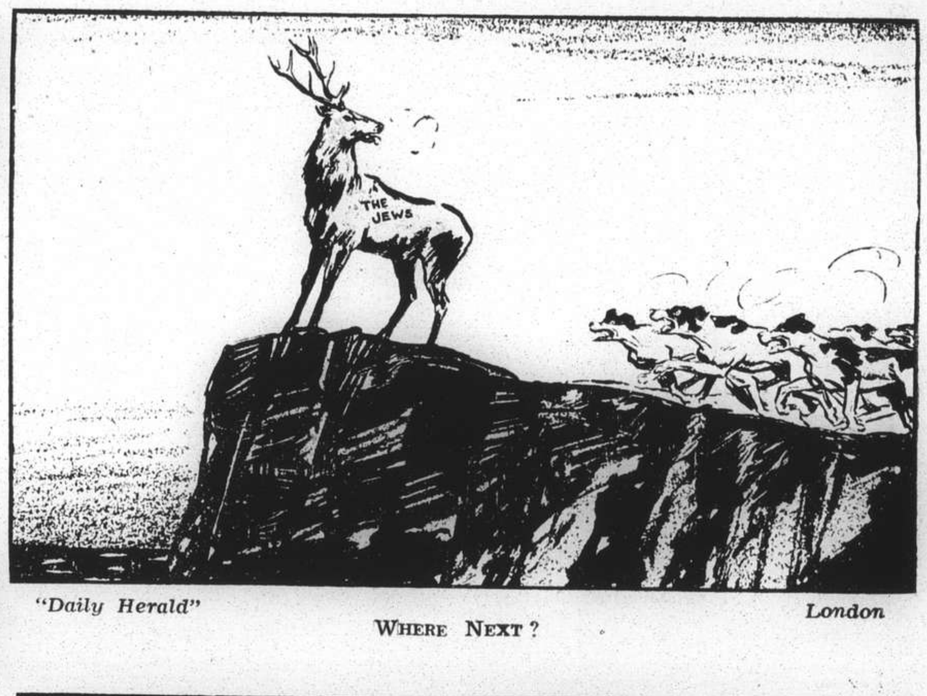


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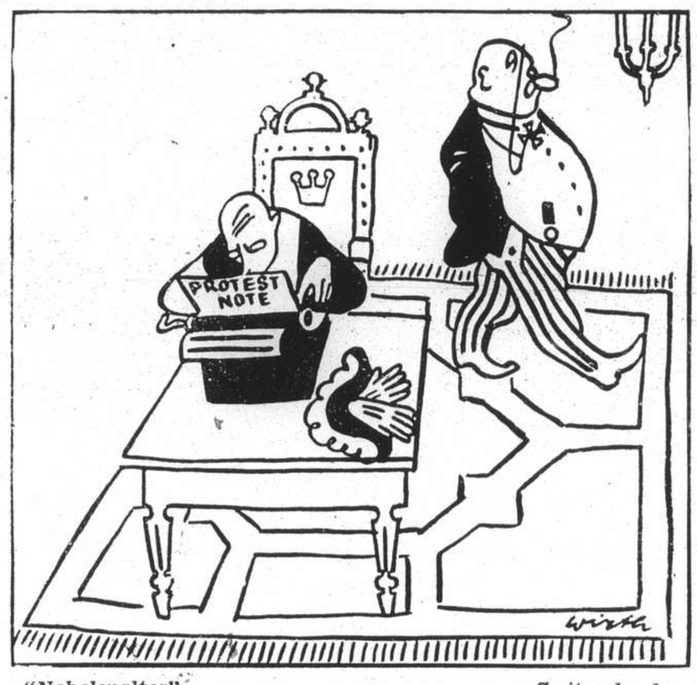


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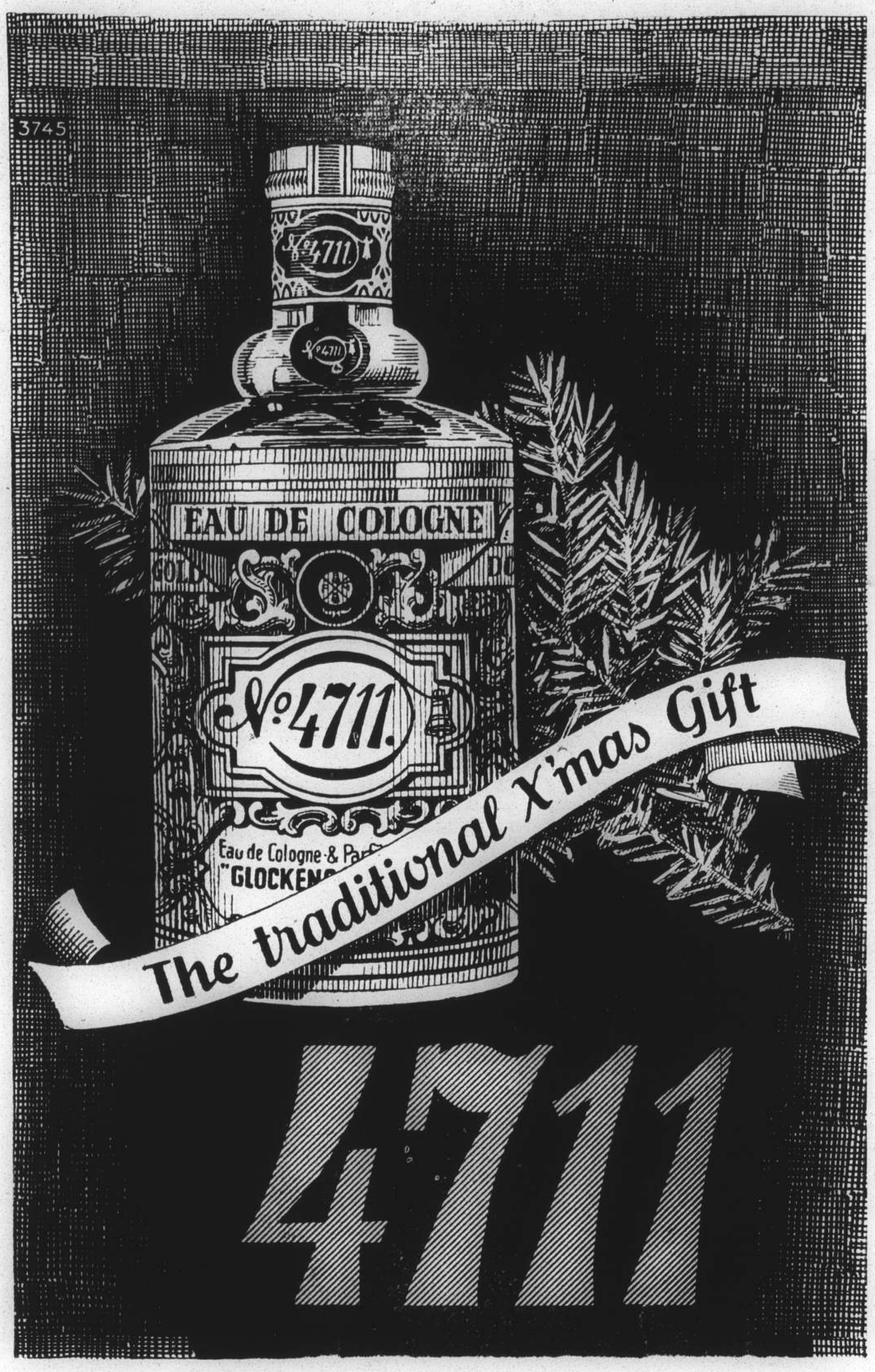


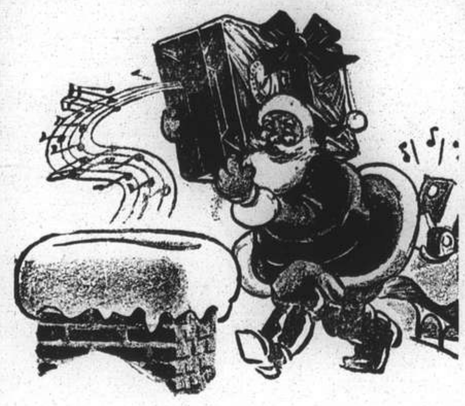

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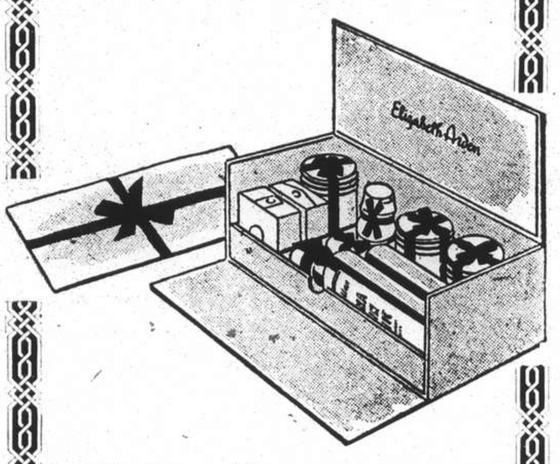


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# My Uncle Bertram Helps to Write a Detective Story

By W. LEWISOHN

ALTHOUGH he has the greatest contempt for the lighter forms of literature, which he considers a mere waste of time, my Uncle Bertram is an ardent reader of detective stories. For this he claims the authority of Messrs. Baldwin and Lloyd-George and the late Earl Balfour. "Of course, my boy," he will say. "I don't read them for their morbid excitement. That does not interest me at all. I read them solely as an intellectual exercise. They sharpen your wits."

And indeed, nothing pleases him more than to detect some slip that an author has made in his times or dates, or in some clue, when he will at once sit down and write to the publishers pointing out the mistake.

"It's absurd," he will say. "This overdone admiration of the C. I. D. There's nothing in it. Nothing at all. It's pure common sense, as you'd soon find out, my boy, if you'd only studied the subject, as carefully as I have."

Whenever a murder goes undetected, my Uncle Bertram will exclaim hotly against the crass stupidity of Scotland Yard and regret that official standoffishness and red tape prevent them from availing themselves of the services of his expert and logical mind. Elimination is his pet theory. Eliminate all superfluous material and all the false clues and all the wrong suspects, and then you are bound to find the criminal. Elimination is everything.

This interest in detective work lead to one of the rare occasions on which my Cousin George fell into disfavour with my Uncle Bertram.

One evening when we were sitting in the library after dinner, my Cousin George who had been unusually silent during the meal took a sheaf of notes out of his pocket and said:

"I say, uncle, I'm writing a detective story. I know you've got a wonderful flair for that kind of thing. Thought perhaps you might be able to help me with it."

*I am writing a detective story*

"An excellent idea, my boy," said my Uncle Bertram delightedly. "Detective stories are the only ones that pay nowadays. Give me the outlines. I'll tell you how to do it. . . . Wait a moment. Get me a pencil and pad, will you Maggie?"

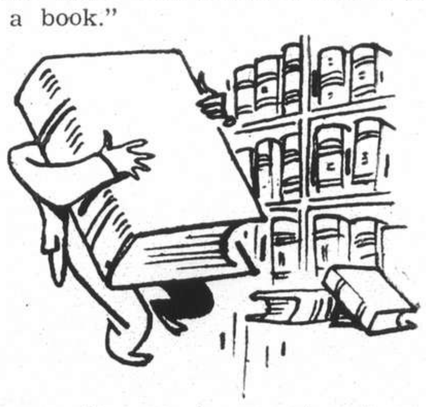
My Uncle Bertram assumed a judicial air and, pencil poised in the air, said: "Go ahead, George. Leave out all the padding. Just give me the bare facts."

"Well," said my Cousin George referring to his notes. "This is how my story goes. On the night of the 29th of February at 9.52 Sir Arthur Parker, a wealthy wine merchant, is found by his butler lying dead in his armchair in the library at his country place, Burgundy House. He has a severe bruise over the occipital bone, and the police surgeon testifies that death is instantaneous and due to concussion. The weapon with which the crime is committed is found lying at his feet. . . ."

"Ah," exclaimed my Uncle Bertram.

". . . It was a heavy volume containing the collected works of the late Edgar Wallace . . ."

"What! Oh, come, my boy! You'll have to alter that. You couldn't kill a person with a book."



*. . . it was a heavy volume!*

"You could with *that* book," replied my Cousin George. "You don't know it. It's one of these modern omnibus volumes."

"No, no. Make it a poker or a paper-knife," insisted my Uncle.

"I shall do nothing of the kind," said my Cousin George firmly. "It's quite an original idea for a lethal weapon. Never been thought of before. People are sick of your pokers and revolvers and hypodermic syringes and all the rest. Want something new."

My Uncle Bertram was not satisfied: he shook his head doubtfully. "But how did they know it was the weapon with which the murder was perpetrated?" he enquired.

"Because on the back of the book they found a round patch of oil which on chemical examination proved to be the special kind of hair restorer that Sir Arthur used."

My Uncle pursed up his lips in the manner he has when he thinks he has been offended. Then suddenly an idea struck him. "But look here," he said triumphantly. "In that case, why didn't the murderer put back the book on the book-shelf?"

"Ah, quite so," said my Cousin George nodding his head several times. "Quite so. Why? That's a bull point for you, uncle, and don't you forget it. You've hit on a most important clue."

My Uncle Bertram hastily scribbled a note on his pad. "All right, my boy, proceed."

"Where were we? Ah, yes . . . An examination of the fastenings of the library windows and the outer doors proved conclusively that nobody from outside could have got into the house. Suspicion therefore falls on one of the nine members of the household who were in the house at the time. They are . . ."

"But supposing somebody got into the library earlier in the day and hid there?" queried my Uncle.

"Impossible," said Cousin George decisively. "Impossible, because . . . because it was proved to be impossible. We can't go into all the details. The household consisted of nine other members. That's the important point. That's where you come in, uncle. I want to test my novel and see whether you can spot who did it. If even you can't, why that shows clearly that my story is quite water-tight."

My Uncle Bertram fairly purred with delight. "Go on, my boy, go on!" "Well then, there's the butler, Parkins, who finds the corpse. Enquiry shows that he was really an ex-convict who'd done seven years for blackmail. Moreover, it was found that he had been selling Sir Arthur's port and cigars. He was a big, hefty fellow, quite capable of inflicting a mortal blow with that omnibus volume. He had no alibi, except that of the cook who, as you will see, is herself one of the chief suspects."

*. . . had been selling port and cigars*

"Oh, that's all right. It's not him. Too obvious."

"I wouldn't be in such a hurry, if I were you, uncle," said my Cousin George. "Wait until you've got all of them down, before you start eliminating."

"Well," said my Uncle Bertram. "I'll suspend judgment. But you'll generally find, my boy, that in all properly constructed detective stories the person with the worst record is always innocent."

"Ah! But just wait until you've heard the record of them all. Well. . . Next we have Lady Parker, the dead man's second wife. She was thirty years younger than her husband, and in the course of fifty pages the police discover that she was the mistress of Harold Parkington, an old friend of Sir Arthur's. Parkington, it was established, was an inveterate gambler on the turf and owed Sir Arthur £10,000—due for repayment that very day. So. . ."

"Goodness gracious!" said my Aunt Margaret. "What an unpleasant household!"

"Well, I can't help that," replied Cousin George.

"The world's like that." And my Uncle Bertram nodded approval at this, one of his favourite phrases.

"The only alibi they had was each other's statement that they had not left the drawing-room since after dinner. And the butler confirmed this. Also there was the crushed state of Parkington's dress shirt."

"What the deuce do you mean by that?" demanded my Uncle Bertram. "What's that got to do with it?"

"Everything!" replied my Cousin George. "Why! By measuring the depths of the creases they found by experiment that they would be just that depth if a lady sat in your lap for twenty-two minutes, which was between the time that Sir Arthur had left them and the butler had come in with the drinks."

My Uncle Bertram frowned. He was not convinced. "In any case," he said. "Your alibis are all nonsense, my boy. You must get outside, independent alibis if you want to make it a convincing story."

"Not at all," said my Cousin George quite unperturbed. "What you must realise is that I am writing a story of true life. How many people can provide an independent alibi, if it comes to that . . . outside detective stories? I am not letting you eliminate as easily as all that, uncle. Well, to continue: Sir Arthur's will, which was known to his wife, left half his fortune to her if she married again. . ."

"You mean to say, if she did *not* marry again?" said my Uncle Bertram.

"No, not at all. That wouldn't make it so incriminating. After all, people often do make queer wills, you know. Besides, from a diary Sir Arthur kept it appeared that he was quite aware of what was going on, and so he put in that condition out of spite . . . thought it a good way of getting even with both of them. . . . Well, anyhow . . . Let's get on. There are five other persons still. There is Sir Arthur's valet, James Parmour. An examination into his medical record showed that he suffered from homicidal mania in his youth. Only the day before, Sir Arthur had threatened to sack him, because of a button missing on his trousers. And Parmoor was heard muttering to himself in the pantry a few minutes later, 'If you don't take care, you old villain, I'll do you in.' Though when questioned he claimed that his threat was directed against the butler whom he had just caught kissing the under-housemaid with whom he himself was walking out at the time. Only his own word, for it, though as the kissing could not be verified. . ."

"You say he was suffering from homicidal mania. When was the last attack?" enquired my Uncle Bertram.

"Oh, I've forgotten. . . I mean to say. . . About fifteen years ago," said my Cousin carelessly. "Next comes the parlour-maid. Mary Parnell who was the last person to see . . ."

"Why do all your names begin with P-A-R, George?" asked my Aunt Margaret.

"What? Oh. . . why so they do. I'd never noticed it before. I took them out of the Telephone book."

"Never mind, never mind," said my Uncle Bertram. "You always ask such silly questions, Maggie. What's in a name? Go on, George: Mary Parnell who was the last to see the deceased alive, eh?"

"Quite right. You've got it in one, uncle. Her statement was that, when she went into the library about 9.30 to make up the fire, the old gentleman chucked her under the chin and tried to kiss her, whereupon she boxed his ears and ran out of the room, so. . ."

"My dear George!" exclaimed my Aunt. "You really have the most strange ideas."

"Oh, do be quiet a moment, Maggie," said my Uncle Bertram quite excitedly. "You keep on interrupting. And always at the most critical moment. . . Virgin innocence affronted! That's a good motive. Now then, George, this is important: on what shelf was that volume you spoke about?"

"Eh?" said my Cousin George staring vacantly at my Uncle Bertram. "What shelf? . . . Oh, ah . . . yes I see. Oh, no, no! Won't do at all. The book came from the sixth shelf. She's quite a short woman. Only six feet to the tips of her fingers. We measured her . . . I mean to say, the Scotland Yard people did. She'd have had to use a step-ladder. Wasn't one in the house. They examined the seats of all the chairs too. Anything else? . . ."

My Uncle Bertram's face fell.

"Then we have the cook, Mrs Par . . . I mean Mrs . . er . . Smith."

"Well, now, don't tell me she had anything to do with it," said my Aunt Margaret.

"On the contrary," said my Cousin George coldly. "She's one of the chief suspects. At lunch, that very same day, Sir Arthur had had her up and rated her most soundly, because she hadn't put enough mustard in the salad dressing. And in the kitchen afterwards she was heard to say: 'I'll fix up the old devil all right. I'll make it hot for him next time. See, if I don't!' Very suspicious indeed."

My Uncle Bertram began to look worried. "Any more?" he asked.

"Lots. There's Diana, the daughter from the first marriage. She was always on excellent terms with her father, the only person he had not quarrelled with. The only one against whom no motive could be established. . ."

"Ah," said my Uncle Bertram. "You know, George, the motive is only of secondary importance in a crime. The prosecution does not have to establish motive. Don't forget that. I shall consider her for the moment under strong suspicion."

"Wait," said my Cousin George. "There are still two more persons. There's the boots, Will Park. But he's out of it. He. . ."

"Nobody is out of it in these cases" said my Uncle Bertram. "Or otherwise you know at once that he's the criminal."

"Oh, he's out of it, I tell you," said my Cousin George. "That omnibus volume was much too heavy for him to raise as high as his own head even."

My Uncle Bertram frowned. "Proceed," he said solemnly.

"Finally, there's John B. Parker, the son by the first marriage. A married man of exemplary character. But it was known that he was on very bad terms with his father. One of the clerks at the office testified that he had heard them speaking in angry tones one day in the previous week, and had caught the ominous words of the younger man: 'I won't allow it! I will never agree. I will go to any lengths to prevent it.' At first he refused to give any information as to the cause of the quarrel, and it was not until he was arrested that . . ."

"Arrested?" said my Uncle Bertram. "Then it was he? Why did you ask me to discover the culprit, and then . . ."

"Don't be in such a hurry," said my Cousin George. "You ought to know; there must always be at least one suspect

*I'll fix the old devil*

arrested in the course of a good detective story, even if it is the wrong person. . . When he was arrested, he explained that he had quarrelled with his father, because the old man had wanted to dilute—if that's the right word—the firm's Superior Invalid Port, and he had withheld this information as long as possible, fearing the bad effect it would have on their wine business. He had come down to see his father that afternoon to try and persuade him to reconsider his decision as to dilution. Well, there you are. That's the lot. What about it?"

My Uncle Bertram referred to his notes. "Wait a moment, George! You said at the beginning that there were nine members in the household. I find you've only mentioned eight. Where's the ninth?"

"Oh, of course," said my Cousin George. "Didn't I mention him? There's Omar."

"Ah!" said my Uncle Bertram. "Omar! An Indian servant, no doubt. And you wanted to get away with it like that? Thought you'd catch your old uncle napping, eh? No, no, won't do, my boy. Well let's hear about this fellow Omar."

"Ha! Ha!" laughed my Cousin George. "An Indian servant! Ha! Ha! Excellent! Why, Omar is a Persian cat. A fine specimen, blue-grey, steely colour and all the rest."

*A fine specimen*

My Uncle Bertram pursed up his lips once more, his brow grew thunderous.

"Oh, there's one more thing I ought perhaps to tell you," continued my Cousin George. "At the inquest which opens on page 202, the coroner, on the face of the evidence, calls for a verdict of murder against some person or persons unknown. Now then, uncle, bet you half a sov you don't spot the criminal."

"Wait a moment," said my Uncle Bertram. "How can I tell, without examining each of the alibis? What about those alibis? It all depends on them."

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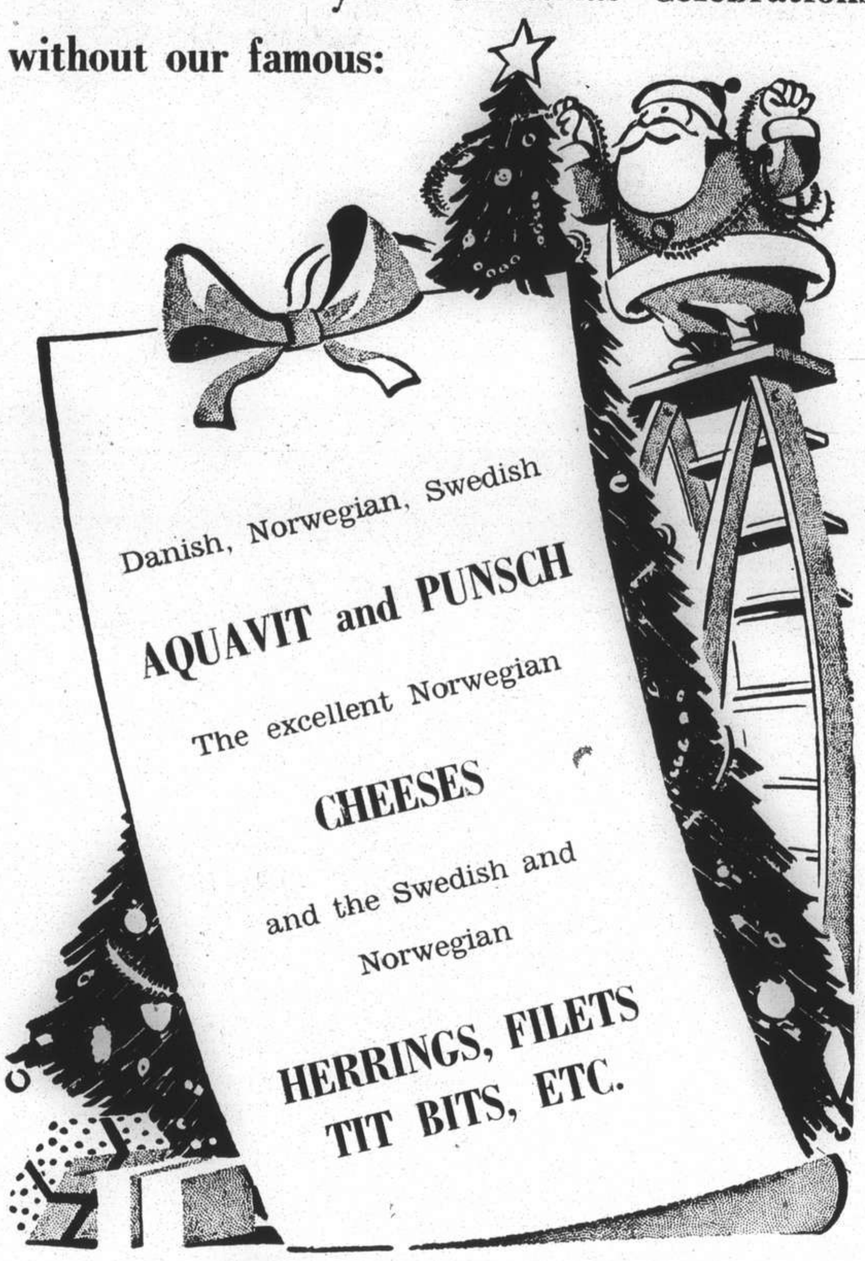

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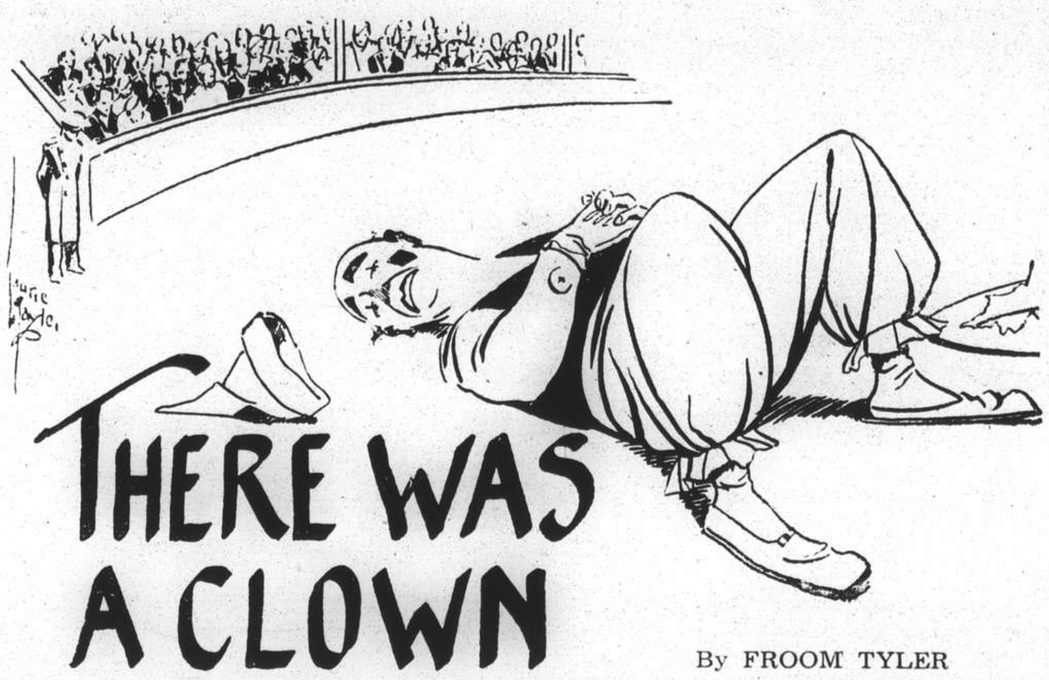

By FROOM TYLER

THERE was a clown named Nimbo. The public had forgotten him, because the public never remembers the names of clowns. Only one here and there of the older generation would, harking back, ask, "What was that fellow's name? Clever clown he was. Had a very funny trick of ending up his tumbling by sprawling in the saw dust, face upward, with his hands clasped on his heaving tummy, and snoring! Must be an old man now, if he's still alive."

Nimbo was still alive in his eighty-fourth year. True, he was no longer a clown, but he was still Nimbo.

Nimbo was no longer a clown, but he still looked like a clown. He waddled like a clown, for he was naturally bow-legged. And he had the eyes of a clown, black, bright, wistful.

Nimbo was no longer a clown, but in the circus business he was still a Great Name, an honoured memory for the older artists, an inspiring tradition to the younger. When a clown was good it was said, "Yes, he's good, but, of course, not a patch on Nimbo." When a clown was extraordinarily good it was said, "Yes, he is good—nearly as good as Nimbo was."

In his eighty-fourth year Nimbo had been living the leisured life of a gentleman retired from "the Profession" for thirteen years. But he would never admit he had retired. He was just resting.

And the one thing that would cause the whimsical wrinkled smile to fade from his face was for somebody to ask him how long was it since he had retired from clowning. Then the pale skin over his high cheekbones would become taut and his brow would contract over his black eyes and he would say: "I have not retired. I am Nimbo. Once a clown, always a clown. One day I shall go back. But now—I am resting. That's all."

He said that so often that his sons and daughters pretended to accept it as a matter of fact. They were wise enough not to shatter an old man's dream. They let him play with the idea of his return to the ring as a child is allowed to consider some blissful project which the parents know is quite impossible.

They even encouraged the old man's fond illusion that gave him what few have in old age—hope. "Nimbo," his grandsons would

say, "is going to make a come-back one of these days. Aren't you, Nimbo? And what a come-back that'll be!"

Nimbo would laugh an excited, cackling laugh, and echo the American slang term that seemed so quaint to him.

"Ha, ha! A come-back. Yes, that's it. You wait, me boys. Nimbo 'll show 'em."

And, as every clown must do when he is resting, Nimbo kept himself in training. Every day he performed before his little grand-daughter. Sometimes, on Special Days in Jean's life, he would even go to the trouble of making up. Then, when he put on his motley he put away his years. How the smell of greasepaint brought back the old zest, the rousing rhythm of the circus band, the expectancy of applause!

And in that motley, with whitened face and darkened eyes, he would caper before little Jean and do all his old tricks, and now and then would stop to listen for the tiny, tinkling laughter, as he had in his circus days so often stopped to receive the excited applause of thousands.

And then he would say: "Ah, you laugh ....but you aren't a critic of clowns, me dear. Nimbo doesn't know whether he's really good or not. Of course you think Nimbo's funny, because he's the only clown you've ever seen. Well, one day, if you're good, old Nimbo'll take you to see other clowns. Then you'll know if Nimbo is still the best of them all. We must wait till a circus comes to town. Then there'll be fun."

A circus came to town at Christmas, and on Boxing Day old Nimbo gave little Jean her long-promised treat.

"It's not a bad circus, as circuses go nowadays," said Nimbo on their way to hall, "but of course, circuses ain't what they were....Merry Mack is the principal clown in this circus. He was a boy acrobat when I last heard of him. Now he's principal clown. Well, you shall see if he's anything like as good as old Nimbo."

But little Jean was not given the opportunity to compare one great artist with another.

Jean's mother had come with them—to look after old Nimbo as much as to look after little Jean. And Jean's mother watched the opening of the show with considerable uneasiness. Because on their way in old Nimbo, stopping to have a word with the manager, whom he remembered, had suddenly stopped smiling, looked about him oddly, and then cried to Jean's mother. "You go on in. I'll come in a minute."

The show had been on nearly ten minutes, and Nimbo's seat was still empty.

At that moment Nimbo was saying: "But they've all come to see Merry Mack. He's not a bad clown—as clowns go today, and his name's been billed big all over the town. If you go out now and tell 'em Merry Mack's ill and can't appear, that crowd 'll be angry."

"But what can I do?" the manager asked. "I can't stop the show. After all, there 're other things in a circus besides clowns you know."

Nimbo straightened himself up and pointed a forefinger at the manager.

"Now that's just where you're wrong. And if you'd been in the business as long as I have you wouldn't say a thing like that. Would you think of putting on Hamlet without Hamlet? Well, that wouldn't be as bad as putting on a circus without a good clown. And these people have come to see Merry Mack. He's the biggest name in the business today—next to Nimbo."

"Nimbo?" the manager smiled very good-humouredly, considering how much he was worried at the prospect of having to face a crowded house and announce that Merry Mack could not appear that day. "But Nimbo retired long ago, surely."

"I never did," replied Nimbo decisively. "And I'm as good as any of 'em now. As good as Merry Mack—and a lot better. And I'll prove it!"

"Now what exactly are you getting at, Nimbo?"

"I'll tell you what I'll do," said Nimbo grandly. "Seeing that I knew you in this business when you were a call-boy, I'll do you a good turn that I wouldn't do for nobody else, mind you. I—Nimbo—will go on for Merry Mack."

"But you can't——"

"Can't I? Can't I? You'll see. Ever heard of a 'come-back?' Go on and announce it—Nimbo's 'come-back.'"

"But I couldn't let you do it, Nimbo. I mean, an old boy like you, why——"

Nimbo pointed a forefinger into the manager's shirt front.

"Now just think a minute. You go out into the ring and tell 'em there ain't no Merry Mack today. Think of the groans of disappointment. Maybe booing and hissing. A lot of 'em 'll want their money back right away. But suppose you on and say, 'Ladies and gentlemen, we regret to announce that Merry Mack is indisposed, but—and there you pause to make them expectant like—'but—I've got great news for you, ladies and gents. A grand surprise! At very short notice and at enormous expense, we have obtained the services of the greatest clown who ever stepped into the sawdust ring—no less a clown, ladies and gents, than the one and only great Nimbo!' Then the band strikes up—and you listen to 'em cheer their heads off!"

"But you'd kill yourself if you went into that ring and started your old tricks."

"You go and do what I tell you. I was in this business before your 'ead was 'ot. Go on. Tell 'em the one and only Nimbo has kindly consented to appear in place of Merry Mack."

And because there was something hypnotic in the bright black eyes of the old clown the manager went on and told them.

The crowd roared their delight, but there was one young woman who sat with a little girl beside an empty chair who half rose up when the manager had made the announcement, looked about her in dumb panic. She wanted to stop old man from doing such a foolish thing, but she couldn't leave Jean, who was in ecstasy, and, anyhow, it was too late now—for here was "Great Granfer Nimbo" waddling on, and though she cried out to him no one heard because the cheers were deafening.

"Nimbo! Nimbo!" cried the crowd. "Good old Nimbo!" Even those who had never heard of the name caught the fever of excitement. Here was an old clown making a 'come-back.' Give him a hand, shout and cheer! "Good old Nimbo!"

And the old clown deserved every bit of that applause. He put up a grand show. He performed many of his old inimitable tricks, tricks which had made his name, tricks which he had practised every day before little Jean.

Jean knew the trick that was coming now. Nimbo would try to somersault but tumble down, and then he'd pretend to be asleep and would snore very loudly.

Yes....there was Nimbo tumbling down, sprawled on his back in the sawdust, face upward, hands clasped on his comically heaving tummy....

Then Nimbo suddenly was still. The applause died and there was silence. Jean knew that Nimbo was waiting for that silence so that he could sound that long-drawn-out upward snore.

But the seconds passed and the snore was not heard. Nimbo was silent. Nimbo was still.

Nimbo, lying in the sawdust, knew that he would never get up. He heard the silence breaking into tumult—the thunder of cheering and clapping, great waves of sound breaking over him as he lay.

And high and clear above the cheering and the clapping he could hear a peal of child's laughter.

Nimbo smiled. Nimbo was very happy now. Nimbo was glad he had made his 'come-back,' glad that the people had not forgotten him, glad to make his last exit triumphantly, glad to die where he had lived, among the sawdust and the bright lights and the thunder of applause.


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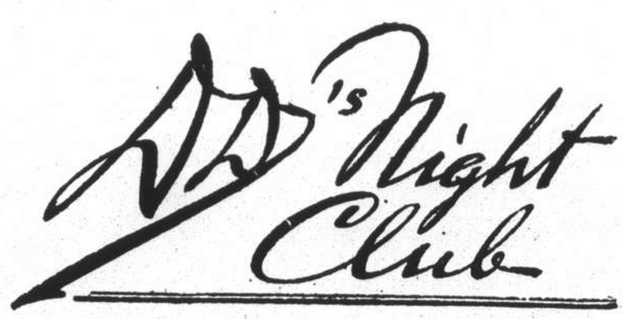


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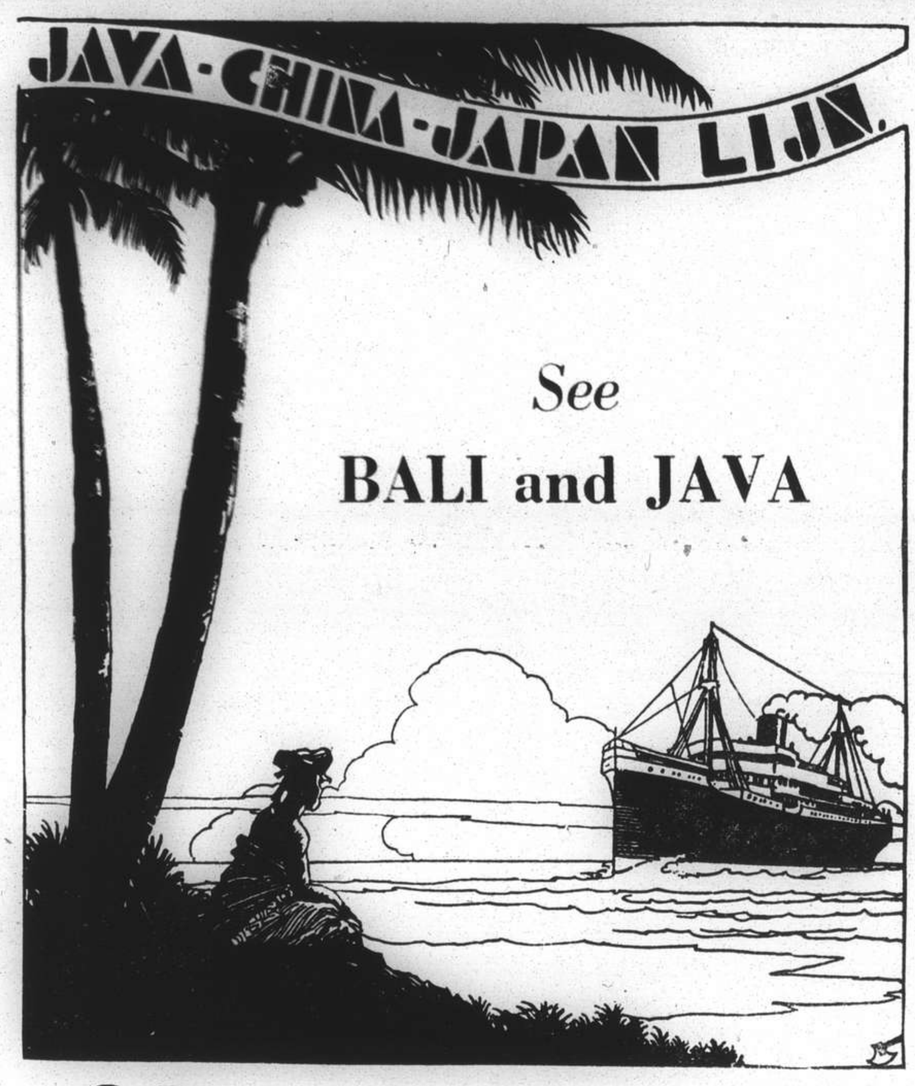


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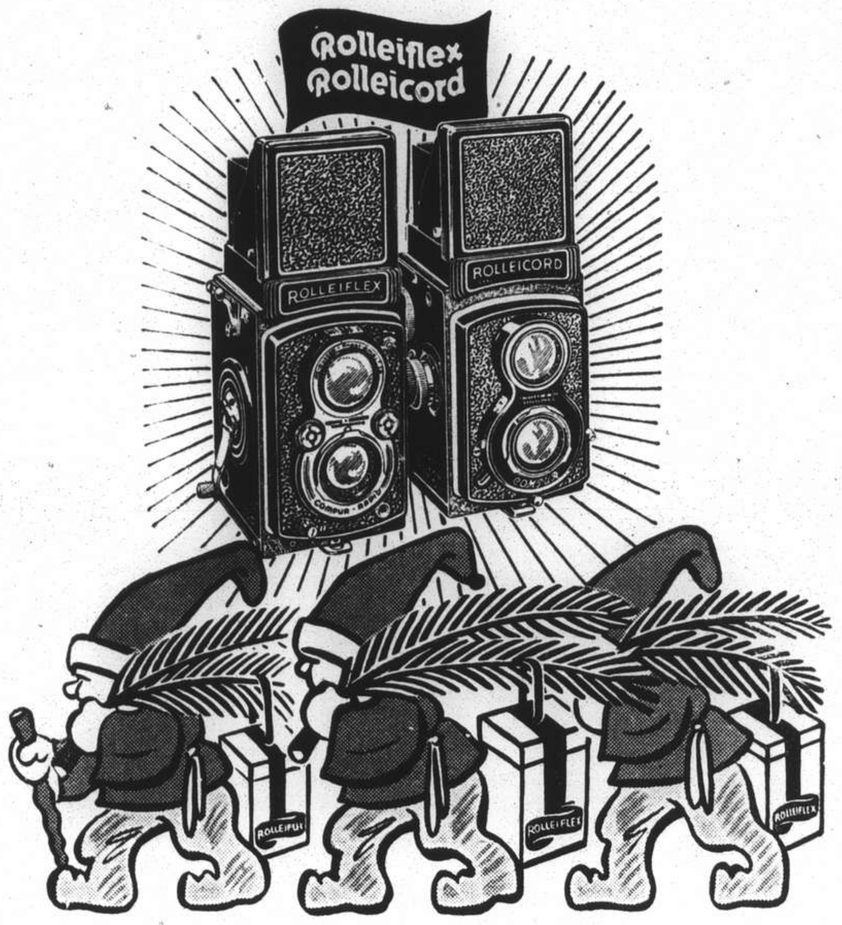


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# "Christmas Pot-pourri"

## A jolly medley of games, puzzles and tricks.

By IRENE URQUHART

CHRISTMAS, the season for laughter and gaiety, always brings with it the demand for a good variety of indoor amusements. Here, then, is a selection of games, puzzles, and tricks —something to interest everyone.

First is a trick which requires very little preparation, but will completely puzzle your friends.

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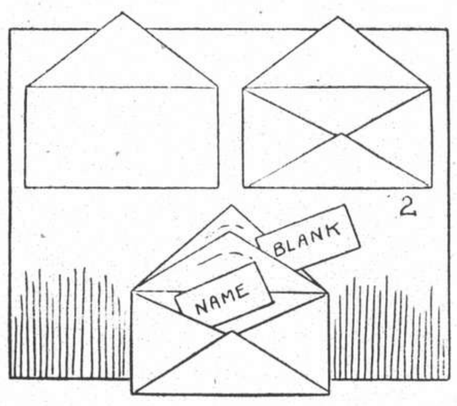
### Vanishing Name

Hand a blank piece of paper to one of the party, and ask him to write his name on it. Then, after commenting on his fine writing, take an envelope from your pocket and slip the paper into it. Firmly seal the envelope, then make passes with your hands, and announce that the writing has disappeared.

Your audience is sure to question this, but when you slit the top of the envelope and show them the blank piece of paper they will be convinced.

The secret, is, of course, to have a trick envelope prepared beforehand. Obtain two envelopes and two blank pieces of paper exactly alike. Cut away the back of envelope 1 leaving the flap untouched ; this is slipped neatly inside envelope 2 and a touch of gum at the two bottom corners keeps it in place. The envelope has now a false partition in the middle.




Take one piece of paper, slip it between the two flaps, then gum these two flaps together so that they appear as one.

You are now ready for the audience. After someone has written their name on the other blank piece of paper, place it in the envelope and seal. When you slit the top and hand the paper back for examination it is, of course, the blank piece you originally put there.

One word of advice. Have yet another ordinary envelope in your pocket, sealed and with the top slit in the same way as the trick envelope. This can be substituted and handed to the audience should they wish to examine the envelope.

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### Find the Ants

Now here is a puzzle for your own amusement.

Six words which begin with the syllable "ant" are hidden in the sentences below. For instance. "The ridiculous ant" would be ANTIC.

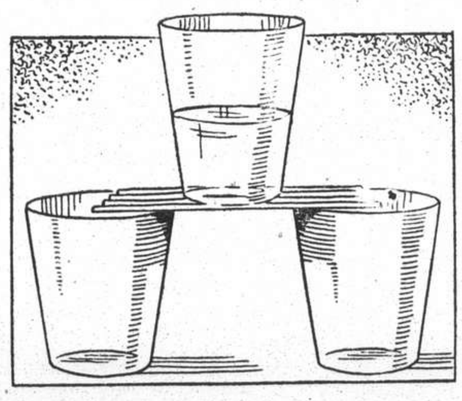
Can you find what these represent :—

1. The ant that is ancient.
2. The ant that is an animal.
3. The ant that is coal.
4. The ant that is a name.
5. The ant that is an opponent.
6. The ant that is a sacred song.

When you have found the correct answers you can puzzle your friends with the

### Tumbler Trick

For this trick three ordinary glass tumblers are required, also a stiff piece of paper measuring about eight inches long and three inches wide.



Half fill one tumbler with water then ask your friend if he can place the paper across the two empty tumblers in such a way that it will support the one with water in it.

This sounds impossible, but if you take the paper and crease it into a number of narrow folds then rest it on top of the two tumblers you will find that the third tumbler is quite well supported.

The next game is rather boisterous, but one which is great fun to play.

### Balloon Game

The players are divided into two teams of equal numbers. These teams line up in two rows, each player standing about three feet from each other, and the captain at the beginning of the row.

A blown-up toy balloon is held by each captain, and at the word "Go !" he bats it with his right hand to player No. 2, who

must in turn bat it to player No. 3. In this way the balloon is taken down the row and the team who finishes first wins the game.

Only the right hand must be used, and if the balloon falls to the floor the team has to make a fresh start.

Now take out your watch to time yourself, and see how long it takes you to solve this puzzle.

### Mysterious Animal

Two lines of letters are given below and in between them a line of asterisks. All you have to do is to substitute a letter for each asterisk so that you have eight three-letter words reading downwards.

If you have found the correct words the letters represented by the asterisks will spell the name of a well-known animal.

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What is the animal's name?

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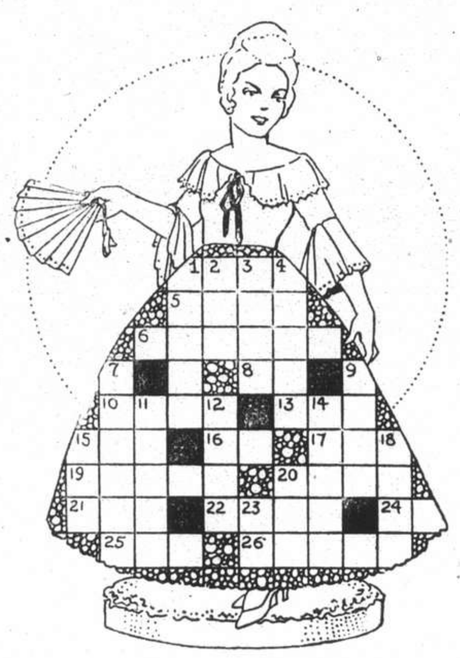
### Dainty Lady Crossword

Crosswords are always popular. When you have a quiet moment see how long it takes you to solve this one.



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| ACROSS | DOWN |
|---|---|
| 1. Fall. | 1. Refuse. |
| 5. Wander. | 2. Slender stick. |
| 6. Delicate. | 3. Baking apparatus. |
| 8. Negative | 4. Spanish coins. |
| 10. Clasp. | 7. Divides. |
| 13. Sorrowful. | 9. Notion. |
| 15. Rod. | 11. Amphitheatre. |
| 16. Whether. | 12. Where miners work. |
| 17. Golfing term. | 14. Make reparation. |
| 19. Build. | 15. Resting place. |
| 20. Dark colour. | 18. Concludes. |
| 21. Animal's home. | 20. Move briskly. |
| 22. Make senseless. | 23. Towards. |
| 24. Perform. | |
| 25. Joiner's tool. | |
| 26. Yields. | |

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### Hidden Matchbox

Next comes a trick in which a hidden matchbox plays an important part ; it is also very simple to perform.

Four matchboxes are used, three empty and one with a few matches in it. Strap the one with the matches to your arm by means of a rubber band, and see that your sleeve covers it completely.

The other empty matchboxes are placed on a table, and your friends are asked to watch closely while you shake the boxes so that they can tell which one contains matches. Now shake two of the boxes with the hand that has nothing fixed to the arm ; then shake the third with the other hand. Although this box is empty the rattle of the matches in the box attached to your arm makes it appear otherwise.

Your friends will be quite certain which box contains the matches, but you can open it, and let them see that it is empty.

By quickly changing the position of the boxes with each shake you can still further confuse your audience.

A game in which any number of players can join is always exciting, and this one is sure to be welcomed.

### Words and Alphabet

One person is chosen as the leader, the rest of the players sit round him in a circle.

The leader begins the game by pointing at any player and calling out a word or name. The one to whom he has pointed must immediately spell the word and also add the remaining letters of the alphabet which follow the last letter of the word. For instance, if the word is "James" the player must spell "JAMESTUVWXYZ."

If he makes a mistake he must drop out of the game and the last player to be left in is the winner.

The fun lies in each player being taken by surprise—so many mix up the letters of the alphabet !

**Answers to puzzles and crossword see p. 25**

# My Uncle Bertram Helps to Write a Detective Story

*(Continued from page 9)*

"Oh, don't bother about them," replied my Cousin George carelessly. "None of the eight persons had an alibi. Or rather, they all had. They all vouched for each other. All with equally good or equally bad alibis, seven with a possible motive, and only one without. Eliminate, uncle, eliminate !"

My Uncle Bertram appeared to ponder deeply. "Diana looks to be most suspicious. But just let me consider a moment."

"It ought to be that horrid Mr. Parkington," said my Aunt Margaret, but Cousin George shook his head.

"The whole lot seem to me such a queer crowd," I said. "I should think they were most likely all in it. A kind of conspiracy."

"By Jove," exclaimed my Cousin. "That's quite a brilliant suggestion of yours, Bill. Quite unusual for you. I wish I'd thought of it before, it'd be quite a new line in detective story writing. Too much trouble to re-write it now, though."

"Of course, it's Diana" said my Uncle Bertram. "The mere fact that she is the only one without any motive points to her. But it's a bit too obvious, my boy. Rather crude. I would alter that, if I were you."

"Well, I'll admit," said my Cousin George, "that she's arrested at the end of Part Two, because they found a most incriminating letter in the right-hand drawer of her dressing-table. One of the usual false clues, you know. But it wasn't her after all. Dr. Parbury, the man to whom she's engaged, takes up amateur detective work in the Third Part and not only proves her innocence, but by means of foot-prints . . . er . . . I mean finger prints . . . on the library shelf actually discovers the criminal. Well now, I ask you again : Who was it?"

My Uncle Bertram remained silent, deep in thought.

"Good ! You can't guess, eh? Well I'll just read you the final paragraph of the chapter before the last—in the last the doctor explains, of course, how he discovered it— : "And now," said Doctor Parbury, as he removed the cover from the basket in which Omar, the beautiful Persian cat, was lying snugly curled up. "Allow me to present to you the real murderer."

"The cat !" exclaimed my Uncle Bertram angrily. "You told us that the weapon with which the man was killed was a book. And now you say the cat did it. What the devil are you talking about?"

"It's quite all right," replied my Cousin George calmly. "You missed that clue I gave you : THE BOOK WAS NOT REPLACED ON THE SHELF ! You remember?"

A frown of deepest displeasure settled on my uncle's brow.

"Dr. Parbury, in the last chapter," continued my Cousin George. "Shows, how he discovered that one of Omar's favourite resting-places was behind the books on the sixth shelf, because a hot-water pipe ran in the wall there, and, for that reason, a special opening had been left in the books. He also discovered that the under-housemaid had surreptitiously take Edgar Wallace's works out of the library to read, from another part of the book-shelf. That evening, when the family were at dinner, she had stolen back into the library and replaced the volume in the hole left for Omar, but in her hurry had only pushed it half-way in. Omar, wanting to go to his bed at his usual time and finding his usual exit blocked up, had pushed the volume down on to old Sir Arthur's head. Hence the milk in the cocoa-nut . . . I mean to say . . ."

During this explanation my Uncle's face had been getting redder and redder. "But you told us," he broke out. "You told us that the coroner returned a verdict of murder !".

"Well, what about it?" replied my Cousin George quite unperturbed. "Don't you know our modern coroners? You can rely on any of them to make a murderer out of a mouser, any day. Anything to get on to the front page of the newspapers. I'm quite covered there."

And ignoring the danger signals on my Uncle Bertram's countenance he continued cheerily : "Now what do you think of my story? You must admit it's quite original both as to the murderer and the weapon.

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And the crime is not half as far-fetched as some of those complicated timetables or wonderful machines you find in most detective stories, is it?"

My Uncle Bertram ignored the question. "Do you mean to tell me, George, you've kept me here all the evening listening to this nonsense of yours for nothing? I suppose you think it funny?"

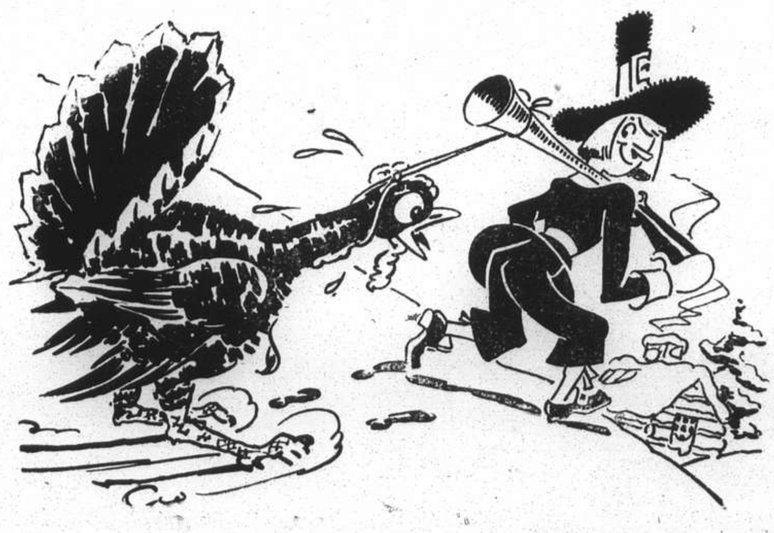
"No, not funny" replied my Cousin. "I am not writing a humorous story."

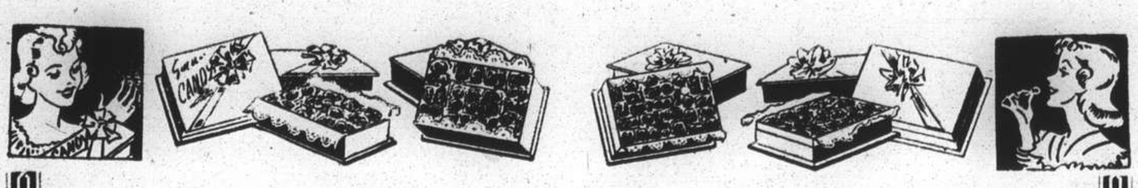
"A crime story," said my Uncle Bertram. "Pish ! A crime story ! Damn nonsense !"

"But my dear uncle," protested my Cousin George, now recognising too late the wrath that his inventive powers had brought down on his head. "I never said I was writing a crime story. I said a detective story. That's quite a different thing."

But my Uncle was beyond such fine distinctions. Rising from his chair and drawing himself up to his full height and looking down angrily at my Cousin he said : "I am much annoyed with you. Here have I been wasting my whole evening trying to help you. I had a most important letter to write to Sir Josiah Stamp, to correct a mistake in his speech on the Gold Standard. And here you waste my precious time with your tomfoolery. It's disgraceful."

And for some time after that there was a considerable coolness between my Uncle Bertram and my Cousin George.





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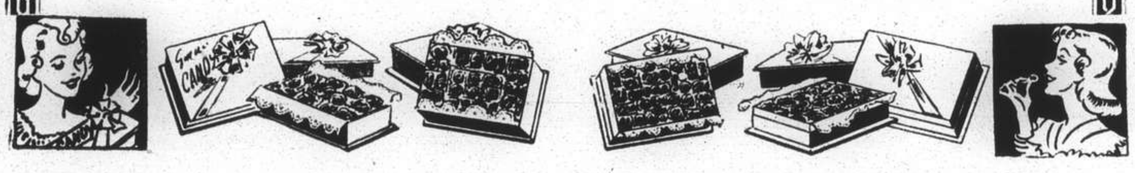

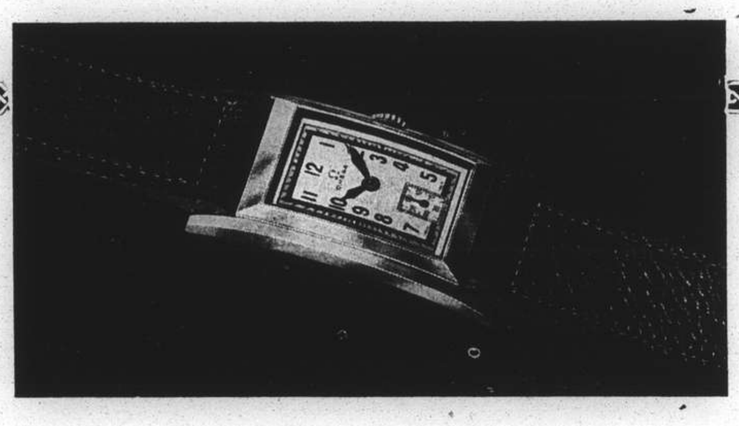

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THE girl hurried along the street towards the office where she worked on the sixth floor of the Imperial building. With a shiver she drew the collar of her minkskin furs closer round her throat.

Montreal looked cold and bleak this early December morning. Fog drifted in from the St. Lawrence river, almost hiding the floating ice eddying in the current. Shop windows were gally decorated, and festoons of tinsel glittered under the electric lights. In the down town shopping area Santa Claus smiled jovially from the windows of the big department stores.

The approach of Christmas, but even the glamour of Santa Claus could not lure Marie Towers this morning.

A musical sound of bells made her pause with a sharp intake of breath. She couldn't be mistaken, it was a husky dog team. Yes, here they came round the corner of the street, dogs and driver trotting along happily. The musher was wearing moose hide moccasins and snowshoes, with an Indian tanned deerskin greatcoat, and a brightly coloured sash or belt around his middle. Some habitant or fur trader from the far North, visiting the city to dispose of his fur pelts, and buy supplies for the long winter.

Her eyes misted with homesickness for Uncle Jason, and the camp in the woods, the huskies, and for Smoky most of all, and still the bells went on ringing down the street, until dog team and driver faded in the distance.

Marie reached the office and settled down to the routine of work where half a dozen typists were already rattling their machines energetically. During intervals of the busy day her thoughts recurred to more than one Christmas at Uncle Jason's camp in the Northern woods. What fun it had been, and what freedom she had enjoyed. Uncle Jason was her sole surviving relative, and the camp in the woods the only home she had ever known.

All that long day magic bells seemed to be calling to Marie Towers—home for Christmas—home for Christmas—with an endless reiteration. Home for Christmas—home for Christmas. She knew them now for what they were, the silvery chime of harness bells on the huskies!

It was four years since Marie Towers had first gone to live with her Uncle Jason, the grizzled old trapper. Left an orphan girl, she had lived at the convent with good nuns until she was sixteen. Then Uncle Jason had sent the convent a generous gift of money and funds to buy Marie new clothes, and her railway tickets to the end of the line.

From the end of the railway they had travelled by dog team—huskies, Uncle Jason called them—to his camp in the woods. She was to have stayed over the Christmas holidays, and return to the convent in January, but Uncle Jason had yielded to her pleading, and she had finally prevailed upon him to let her stay for good.

Marie Towers recalled that wonderful trip on the little branch line train four years ago. All day the train had wound in and out of strange valleys tucked away in the mountains, and she remembered wistfully now her first glimpse of a dog team mushing along on the trail beside the railway.

Uncle Jason had met her on the arrival of the train that evening. It was growing dusk in the one little street of the town, and oil lamps had flickered in the windows of shanties.

She had loved her Uncle Jason as soon as she rushed into his arms, and loved too the huge gray dog at his side.

"His name is Smoky," her uncle had explained, "He's kinda slow to make friends, but I like 'em that way."

After supper at the ramshackle hotel they had continued the journey by dog team and musher's sled. There were six huskies, and a bell on each one's harness, and the sound of one bell was sweet and high like a violin note, and of another deep toned and resonant like the bells of Notre Dame, Montreal's cathedral.

In two and a half years the convent-trained girl had become a gipsy woman of the woods, happy and carefree. That was before Baptiste spoiled everything.

Baptiste had been with Uncle Jason for years. He was a French Canadian half-breed, a mixture of the habitant and the Indian. He was small in stature, but wiry and active, with a mop of tousled black hair that never saw a comb. His eyes were restless, glittering, and black. He could be sullen and difficult at times, but was usually a good and faithful servant to Uncle Jason.

He was a good camp cook, and knew the lore of the Northern woods. The dogs did not like him, but he drove them for Uncle Jason sometimes. All but Smoky, for between Smoky and Baptiste was a long-standing feud. It had always been so. The other dogs would accept food from Baptiste, but not Smoky. He would starve first. So Uncle Jason alway: fed Smoky himself.

Many overtures Marie had made the big gray husky before Smoky finally attached himself to her, but she finally won him over. In the summer they would go together for long rambles in the woods, and she knew no fear. In fact, the very sight of the big gray dog's hackles rising ominously was enough to daunt the boldest.

Two happy summers in the woods, and a winter in which she often followed Uncle Jason with the dog team on her snowshoes.

Baptiste had spoiled it all. After that night he had struggled with her in the cabin, forcing kisses on her, and protestations of his love, she wanted to get away. It tore her heart to leave everything, but she was frightened of Baptiste. She couldn't explain to Uncle Jason why she was so eager to get back to the city, and escape the unwelcome attentions of Baptiste.

Probably Uncle Jason suspected something of the truth of the matter, but with the natural shyness and reserve of the frontiersman, he refrained from asking questions.

Before the spring break-up of the rivers occurred they had taken the dog team and his winter catch of furs to market by the long musher's trail to Montreal. Prices were high that spring, and the catch unusually good, so Uncle Jason had felt quite opulent, and when she mentioned a desire to take a course at a business college he offered as he expressed it—"to grubstake her!"

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Marie turned and twisted on a sleepless pillow, but when the first dawn light filtered through her bedroom window something like peace had entered her heart. She had reached a decision; she was going back to the life she loved, regardless of the menace of Baptiste. She would fight him off once more and outwit him for all his craftiness.

She prepared herself a hasty breakfast on the gas stove in her room, and departed to work. It was payday at the office, and she would quit for good that night. She was through with the hateful city, and didn't care if she never saw a city again. The woods had called to her, and the singing harp-wind in the tops of the high pines by Uncle Jason's cabin.

She would get back for Christmas and surprise him, and wouldn't Smoky be pleased!

Several days later Marie left Montreal on the little branch line train once more. She had done some Christmas shopping, including a few gay Christmas tree decorations, for Uncle Jason liked to bring into the cabin a small Christmas tree for the festive season.

She felt tired and relaxed. The very click of the wheels became a rhythm of sound lulling her to sleep. When the conductor finally roused her good-naturedly she was still half asleep. A little bewildered Marie clambered down to the platform with her hand luggage, and presently found herself in the one and only general store.

The small and spectacled habitant store proprietor was delighted to see her turn up unexpectedly like this. He had always liked Marie. Then, too, she was an excellent customer, one who never found fault with the out-of-date wares he offered at double the city prices.

"Ma'amselle, I am ver please to see you!" He shook hands with her, and invited Marie to sit down in a rickety chair by the fire.

"M'sieu Jason, his dog team he sells to Baptiste," continued the storekeeper, whilst Marie stared at him incredulously. "Baptiste get drunk. Him have plenty monee and go on big jamboree!"

"Did Baptiste say Uncle Jason sold him the huskies?" Marie demanded.

The little storekeeper nodded assent as he stared at her doubtfully.

"Never," exclaimed Marie. "I'm sure Uncle Jason would never sell his dog team to Baptiste."

"Nevaire!" echoed the little storekeeper, shrugging his rounded shoulders. "Mebbe, I dunno."

"Where is my Uncle Jason?" said Marie anxiously. The habitant made a gesture expressive of ignorance. "We have not see M'sieu Jason for some time," he offered, "Him not come to town." "Baptiste keep dog team in shed over there, an' him be good fellow. Get ver drunk like dat." The storekeeper imitated the actions of a habitant very drunk indeed.

Marie shuddered. This was terrible, what should she do now? Slipping on her fur coat she told the storekeeper she must go and speak to the huskies. She hurried over to the shed where the dog team were housed. They barked loud welcome as she entered and petted them. Tails wagged in delighted recognition.

The dog team had not forgotten her after a year's absence, but where was Smoky? Fear clutched at her heart. She rushed back to the habitant's store half sick with agitation.

"Where is—where is Smoky?" Marie faltered.

Even M'sieu Beausejour, the storekeeper, knew Smoky, the finest husky in all the Northland.

"Mon Dieu!" exclaimed he, "this Smoky him ver' bad dog, an' try to eat Baptiste. So M'sieu Jason him keep Smoky at camp back in woods."

Marie gasped with relief. How silly of her. She might have known nothing could persuade Uncle Jason to part with Smoky.

"Baptiste, him spit on floor like dat—for big dog Smoky," the habitant continued. "Baptiste him say that Smoky make too mooch noise in t'roat, lik' dat," and M'sieu Beausejour imitated down in his own

scrawny throat the low growl of lions demanding meat. "Baptiste, him not lik' dat!"

It was growing dusk outside, and Marie was determined to get on the trail for Uncle Jason's camp. At the storekeeper's urging she agreed to stay and have supper with his family upstairs over the store before starting on the three hours trip.

Madame Beausejour insisted on supplying her with a more suitable costume for the journey. She had brought her snowshoes with her on the train. Marie left her fur coat and donned the outdoor garb of the habitants. A pair of breeches, heavy wool stockings, her own light woollen jacket, and orange-coloured scarf, and over these one of the heavy coloured sweaters so popular with the habitants. On her beaded moccasins she fitted the snowshoes she had not worn for a long time. She was ready now.

Bidding farewell to her good friends at the store, and giving them no inkling of what she planned to attempt, Marie crossed the street. The dingy street was darker now. Singing and coarse laughter issued from the saloon where Baptiste and his friends celebrated on the halfbreed's money. Baptiste was singing an old French Canadian chanty, and the others joined in the chorus.

A very gay and convivial party.

Now was her opportunity. Marie ran to the shed where the huskies were stabled. She harnessed them swiftly in the darkness, and in a few minutes was ready to start. First she packed damp snow tightly in the bells to silence their music, until she was safely away on the trail.

The noise of singing still came hearty and boisterous from the direction of the saloon. She had not been discovered. Once she made camp Uncle Jason would know what to do. She prayed all was well. Supposing he was ill and without help, or Baptiste had . . .

They were on the musher's trail now, and the small frontier town lay far behind them. The dogs were in good fettle. She cracked the whip almost gaily, and shouted encouragement to the huskies. The dogs leaped as one into the leather traces. Gradually the darkness lightened, and presently the moon came out from a bank of clouds and lit the white world and the dark evergreens with a dazzling beauty.

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Taking Smoky with him nearly a week ago, M'sieu Jason had gone one to try and bag a moose for Christmas dinner. He left Baptiste to look after the camp and gave him instructions. He intended to be home before dark.

Crossing the frozen river safely, he had been unable to return as the ice had gone out in the centre, and so travelled to another camp and make himself content until the river was safe for crossing again.

This was the first time in their eight years together as master and servant that M'sieu Jason had failed to return by nightfall. Something had happened. Another day and a night elapsed, and the woods remained silent. There was no sign of M'sieu Jason. Undoubtedly he had fallen through the treacherous ice of the river and drowned, or a wounded moose had charged him—as Baptiste had always warned. He would never returned now. M'sieu Jason had paid his final reckoning.

So reasoned Baptiste, and he acted accordingly.

The valuable dog team would belong to him now. A careful search through the cabin revealed a battered tin tobacco box with a fat roll of money inside. Why Baptiste was rich! He decided to go into town at once and celebrate his good fortune. And he would purchase from M'sieu Beausejour the store-keeper, a hunting knife.

Baptiste stood the drinks all round once more. He must go and show his friends the dog team he now owned. Best lot of huskies that ever tightened a trace on the Northern trails. Baptiste would show them. The men hurried and jostled after him, one of them carrying a lantern.

"Sacredam!" he yelled, on reaching the shed. The huskies, harness, and the musher's sled had vanished. Baptiste danced up and down in fury. Some dirty t'ief stole my outfit. Baptiste fix 'um plenty!" Leaping into the air he brandished the wicked looking new hunting knife. "I fix him like dat!"

Partly sobered by the loss of his dog team, and consumed with blind fury Baptiste made a sweeping gesture of attack with his knife.

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Marie recognized some familiar landmarks as she drew nearer Uncle Jason's camp. The moon lay behind a bank of clouds again but overhead the stars leaped in a frost dance that was as old as time itself. It was light enough to see for some distance. Glancing backward along the trail, the girl was almost frozen with horror. Not eighty yards away, and coming at a swinging trot was Baptiste!

She gave a low scream, and then snapped a command to the huskies.

Baptiste heard the involuntary cry, but had no idea who was the driver that had seized his outfit. It was not M'sieu Jason he could see plainly. The small figure was much too slim for the M'sieu Jason's stocky form.

"Sacredam! I make you scream!" Baptiste shouted.

The huskies caught the note of panic in Marie's voice, and broke into an urgent stampeding gallop, bells, jingling furiously. The space between Marie and the musher's sled began to widen. The huskies were getting away from her. With a final desperate effort she overtook and grasped the handles of the musher's sled, and threw herself pantingly on the rocking floor.

What if she had missed it!

Looking back through a cloud of flying snow Marie could no longer see Baptiste. The pace had been too hot for him. They had left him some distance behind. Soon, the dim outlines of the camp showed up. Thank Heaven she was there at last. The huskies, from long training, stopped exactly outside the cabin door where Uncle Jason lived.

Marie was dismayed to find no trace of occupation in the cabin. The whole place looked desolate and deserted. In consternation, she closed the door again, and turned irresolutely to the dog team. They were tired she knew, and had been driven hard.

A sudden decision; she moved quickly. There was no time to be lost. Baptiste might appear almost any minute.

Fortunately the sky had clouded over, and the woods were murky dark. The darker the better if she was to foil Baptiste.

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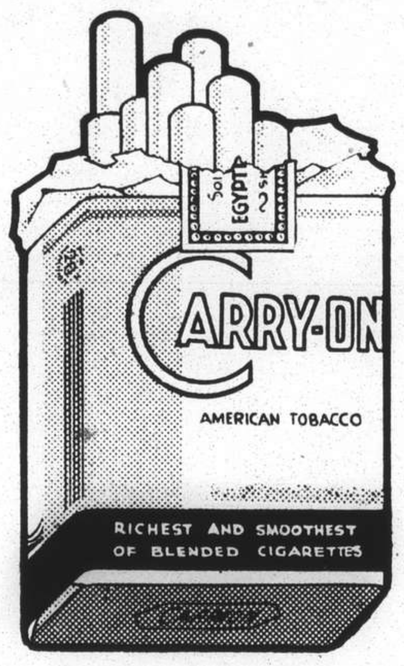


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# SMOKY

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Marshalling the dogs into their shed she shut the door securely. Now for the next step. It seemed a forlorn hope, but might serve in such desperate straits. A quarter of a mile back in the woods stood an abandoned cabin, she would seek refuge there. Baptiste would believe her hiding around the camp.

On flying snowshoes Marie covered the distance. There was a heavy sliding wooden bolt on the outside of the old cabin. It required all of Marie's strength to push back the fastening. Then the creaky door swung open. Hurrying inside she closed the door, and placing her back to it listened.

Gradually the terror of her flight passed from her. Baptiste would never think to look here.

Then the stillness of the night was broken by a loud oath outside. Baptiste had tripped over a fallen tree. In the darkness he was cursing heartily. Desperation possessed Marie. Crouching in the darkest corner of the cabin she waited in suspense for it to open. This was her only chance. A sudden leap through the doorway into the dark woods.

The door creaked partly open. She could dimly make out the half-breed in a waiting attitude. Baptiste stood on the door sill and hesitated.

He was a coward at heart, and shrank from exploring those dark corners. He had no idea who was in the old cabin. It might be a trap?

Baptiste had it now—it was a trap! He slammed the cabin door shut with a brutal laugh and pushed the heavy wooden socket home securely. Baptiste had this mysterious thief bottled up. He would come back and settle the score at his leisure.

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M'sieu Beausejour looked out of the window, and saw it was snowing steadily. He was glad today was the day for the mounted policeman to pay a visit. Once a month did the big officer call to see that law and order were being properly observed and maintained. Always he called on the storekeeper habitant. Did not M'sieu Beausejour know all the local gossip and rumours. Could he not even drop a hint slyly to M'sieu the Officer as to who was doing the bootlegging of bad liquor!

In his neat-fitting uniform with the scarlet coat under the short buffalo skin topcoat, and with his fur gauntlets, the corporal cut a fine figure of a man as he rode up to the store. On the back of his saddle were lashed a pair of snowshoes. Tying his horse outside he entered.

Corporal Dool lighted another cigarette and smiled grimly as he listened to the voluble M'sieu Beausejour. "Me, I see him knife—all time ver good half-breed and now . . ." he threw up his hands in despair. M'sieu the Officer was a power to be reckoned with, and placated. One must also be discreet with these mounted policemen.

M'sieu Beausejour proceeded with evident relish to tell the story of the unexpected arrival and flight of Ma'amselle Marie into the back country with the half-breed's dog team. And for good looks, "M'sieu the Officer should see for himself. Petite an' ver dark!"

"Girl!" interrupted Corporal Dool, displaying a growing interest in the narrative. "Dressed like a habitant steals this half-breed's dog team—and beats it for the woods. A stenographer from Montreal, you say—and deuced pretty. This is a new one to me. Am I supposed to arrest the half-breed, or the girl?"

M'sieu Beausejour threw up his grimy hands despairingly.

"Attendez! M'sieu Officer. Dat Marie she ver good girl—but dat Baptiste, him ver bad!"

The Corporal stamped out the cigarette-end under his heavy boot. "You say she left here two days ago, and this Baptiste was in hot pursuit of her, and carried a hunting knife, and had made threats?"

M'sieu Beausejour nodded glumly.

The Corporal changed his shiny top boots in the habitant's store for moccasins and snowshoes. His saddle horse he sent to the hotel stables. It looked worth investigating—and this girl from Montreal was good looking, was she—and probably knew it too! He had to admit that he felt more than slightly intrigued. He discarded the cumbersome fur saddle coat, and substituted a warm sweater over his scarlet tunic. He wore also the fur cap of the force, with the glittering metal badge showing his rank and authority.

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M'sieu Jason was tired. He had bagged his moose for Christmas after all, and still had twelve miles to go before he would be home at his own camp. He had now been away over a week, and decided to cache the load of moose meat he was packing, and make speed for camp before nightfall. When ready to start forward again he looked round for Smoky and whistled to him.

The husky was sitting on his haunches in a listening attitude. M'sieu Jason listened too, but could hear nothing.

Out across the frosty silence the huskies at M'sieu Jason's camp were broadcasting a message to Smoky. Again and again it rose like a weird and eerie chant.

Smoky answered at last. The message had reached him. The big gray husky lifted his powerful voice in a wailing, sobbing scream that echoed and re-echoed along the sombre woods. M'sieu Jason shouted a command, but the husky paid no attention to him. Straight through the woods he sped on the long easy lope of his timber-wolf ancestors. M'sieu Jason could scarcely believe his eyes. It was the first time since a puppy that Smoky had deserted him like that!

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Two agonizing days and two dreadful nights of cold and hunger in the old cabin. Part of the time Marie slept, and much of the time she was mercifully unconscious. It was easier to bear that way. Death watched her from the shadows of the cabin with a stop watch in his grisly hand. She couldn't last much longer.

Was that something outside the cabin?

She was almost sure of it. It was at the tiny window.

Marie gave a feeble cry of joy. It was Smoky. The big gray dog reared up until his massive forepaws rested on the window-sill, and his wet nose was pressed against the frosty glass. He had found his mistress at last. She had come home to the woods again, from that long strange absence when Smoky had nearly died of a broken heart.

The dog yelped deliriously, and leaped up and down the outside wall in his excitement. Drawing on her remaining strength Marie smashed the small window. Smoky was beside himself with delight as he slavered kisses on her outstretched hands. Half-fainting with a surge of emotional reaction and weak from hunger and exposure, she clung to the broken window frame murmuring words of endearment. "Smoky—Smoky, darling—save me—save me——!"

She unwrapped the orange-coloured silk scarf from around her throat, the one Uncle Jason had given her, and reaching through the open space, managed to tie the scarf securely to Smoky's stout leather collar—then Marie slid down the wall to the floor and lapsed into unconsciousness.

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Baptiste had his own separate cabin a stone's throw from the larger cabin of M'sieu Jason. Here he retired to sleep after trapping Marie in the old cabin, and finishing the bottle of heady liquor. For two days and nights he had slept the clock round under the warm heavy blankets of his bunk.

Waking late in the afternoon, he cooked food, ate ravenously, and drank many cups of strong black coffee. He then fed the half-starved huskies in the shed.

Raised in the primitive wilds, his sense of hearing was very acute, and both hearing and instinct now warned him that someone was approaching the camp. Stepping behind the dog shed he concealed himself.

It was dark now, but not very dark. The visitor was on snowshoes. Moving further back into the shadows Baptiste awaited developments.

In silence the visitor crossed the yard, and tapped peremptorily on the main cabin door. He rapped again, and then pushed the cabin door open and entered. Baptiste glided stealthily around the shed and waited outside the doorway of M'sieu Jason's cabin. His right hand gripped convulsively the new hunting knife with the long tapering blade.

Corporal Dool called out twice in tones of annoyance. "Hi—is anyone home—is anyone in?" The dark cabin remained silent.

Reaching in his pocket the Corporal located some matches, and striking one lit an oil lamp on the table. Outside the huskies whined uncertainly in their shed.

Baptiste cursed softly to himself. It was a mounted policeman. Had he not seen the fur cap with the emblem on it? The jig was up. His theft of M'sieu Jason's valuable dog team had been discovered, also the money taken from the empty tobacco tin in M'sieu Jason's cupboard, unless—unless . . .

The Mountie whistled softly to himself. There was something rather disquieting about all this silence. His service revolver rested snugly where his right hand could reach it instantly in an emergency.

He decided to investigate the other outbuildings, and have a look at the huskies in the shed.

Leaving the cabin door open, he stepped outside. At that moment Baptiste struck. His first thrust was a crafty one and disabled the officer's right arm with an ugly flesh wound.

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BEFORE they had been back from their honeymoon a week, Susie Foyle began to worry about her husband.

They had got settled into their new home, there was no urgent job in the house calling for his attention, a heavy rain in the afternoon had made gardening impossible, so Joe said he was going to work out his Budget.

Joe took it very seriously, and after supper he showed Susie a paper on which he had got everything worked out. Susie, who was never much good at figures, didn't understand it, but Joe looked grave.

"Our financial position is not at all healthy!" he said so solemnly as to quite frighten her.

"But, Joe, we've paid the deposit on the house, we've bought all the furniture that wasn't given to us, and you said the other day that we were starting our married life without a debt except, of course, the house which we're going to pay off like paying rent."

"That's true," said Joe, "I've got it all worked out here, but after our slapup honeymoon I've only a couple of quid left in the bank, we've no reserve as you might say, nothing for a rainy day, so the first thing will be for me to economise till I've got a nice little balance."

"I'll be very careful," said Susie, "I'll manage on five shillings a week less than we thought I ought to have."

But Joe wouldn't hear of that. She wasn't going to pinch and scrape, and the eighteenpence a week budgeted for amusement was to stand.

"I'll cut down my smokes, save a bob or two in heaps of ways, two bob a week means five quid a year, and in a year or two we'll have something to fall back upon if we need it. That's what's called sound finance, sweetheart."

Susie had a great respect for Joe's head for figures, and she supposed it was all right, but she thought she ought to do her whack.

It was no use arguing with Joe when his mind was made up, so she started a Rainy Day Fund herself, saving two or three shillings a week, so that she should have a surprise for Joe when he started all this budget business again.

It was the one secret she kept from Joe, and the little pile of silver began to accumulate in the old Jubilee teapot with a picture of Queen Victoria, which offended Susie's modern taste, and which she kept on the top shelf of the dresser.

There was no real stint in the little home, and though Susie would have liked a wireless she did not let it worry her.

But she did worry about Joe, he cut down his cigarettes by half, scarcely ever smoked his pipe, he said he felt better for it, but it was the gradual change in his appearance that was so troubling. Before his marriage Joe had been such a smart young chap, but now she not only had to darn socks which were only really fit to be thrown away, but to patch and darn shirts which were practically worn out.

"You really must have those shoes soled and heeled, Joe," she said one evening when she noticed how down-at-heel he was.

"I'll see about it next week," said Joe.

"Wear your Sunday ones tomorrow, and let me take them round tomorrow," said Susie persuasively, but it was no use, and it dawned upon Susie that her husband, whilst generous enough where she was concerned, was becoming an absolute miser where his own personal expenditure was concerned. He needed a haircut, but he kept on putting it off.

They lived on the new estate, rather more than a mile from the shopping centre of Burndale, and going down into the town by trolly bus the next morning, Susie sat next to two women who were strangers to her.

They were born chatterers, and Susie could not help overhearing what they said, and it seemed that they had little that was good to say of anyone.

"The third in little over four years, my dear," she was saying, "they pretend they're happy enough about it, but it's pinch and scrape, everything for the babies, she half starves herself, and he goes to work looking like a tramp, afraid to spend a penny on himself."

*"Joe!" she cried breathlessly, "there's a parcel come for you...."*

"Well I know of another case; young Joe Foyle."

Susie started and nearly dropped her handbag.

"Who's he?" asked the other woman with little interest.

"The young fellow who works at Harrison's, the ironmongers, used to be such a smart young chap, and Harrison left a lot to him, but my word! the change since he's been married about three months! Looks as though he hadn't a penny to bless himself with now and a smart young chap there is pushing him into the background, though my husband told me there was once a real chance of the old man giving Joe an interest in the business."

"Well! Well! I suppose she runs through his money quicker than he can earn it."

"Must do, my dear! The poor fellow must be head over heels in debt. Such a pity!"

"Town Hall," said the conductor.

Susie got off the bus, her face was flushed, she felt that she was choking.

She was furious with the two scandalmongers in the bus, with Joe and with herself. This was all his wonderful Budget had done: People were saying things like that about them, and she was getting the blame. She was not a local girl, she came from Heckwith, and Joe had come there to court her after their meeting in Blackpool at the end of last summer.

"I'll give Joe a piece of my mind," she said to herself as she set off along Market Street, where shop windows were being set out for Christmas.

Then her anger began to cool. What did it matter what people like that said anyway? Her friends and Joe's friends would know there was no truth in the absurd story.

And then came just a tiny stab of fear when she thought of what that woman had said about Joe's job.

She had not been in Harrison's for some weeks. For one thing it was a rather swagger and expensive shop, and for another it made her feel horribly embarrassed to be served by her husband, but she determined to go there that morning and see for herself.

Harrison's was in the High Street, and Susie got a shock as soon as she entered the place. The sleek-haired young fellow whom Joe had taught his job, stepped forward to serve her, and there was Joe down on his knees, explaining a patent cooker to a customer, and she felt ashamed of him; the soles of his shoes were exposed, a big hole almost worn through, his trousers, showing under his holland overall were terribly shaggy and beginning to fray at the ends, and his hair was too long.

Joe got to his feet and grinned cheerfully at her, as he conducted the customer along to see another cooker, but it was all Susie could do to smile back. She left the shop with a small saucepan she did not really need, and on her way home she did a lot of thinking. . . .

"What have you put these out for, Sue? The old shoes will do till the end of the week in this dry weather."

Joe was gazing at the black shoes put out for him in place of the old brown ones he had been going to take out to the scullery to clean.

"They looked awful, Joe, you couldn't have worn them any longer, so I took them round to be soled and heeled before it was too late."

"That means I'll have to pay for them this Saturday, and it will just spoil a record month's savings, and Christmas coming on too," grumbled Joe, but when Sue said she would pay for them out of the housekeeping, he wouldn't hear of it, and made such a fuss at the idea that Susie who had been going to suggest that she let him have the money to buy a pair of grey flannel trousers, promptly abandoned the idea.

How could she tell Joe what a wreck he looked and what people were saying? He was so pleased with himself over his savings scheme, and she knew he could be as obstinate as a mule.

Tact! It would all have to be done tactfully.

"Fancy those people who've just moved in along the road thinking that you wrote poetry, Joe," she said sweetly at tea time the next evening.

"Eh?" said Joe, quite startled.

"She said she'd heard that poets always wore their hair very long and went about looking like tramps!" murmured Susie, "I thought it was very rude of her."

"It was that!" agreed Joe, and there was a frown on his face.

When he came the next evening Susie saw that he had been to the barber's. When he was asleep she rose and trimmed the edges of his trousers, and with respectable shoes to wear he did not look such a wreck.

But how was she to persuade him to buy a new suit, or even wear his Sunday suit to the shop. Susie's tact could not rise to that. She had imagined the conversation which had led to the needed haircut, but if she reported a dozen imaginary conversations, and used all the eloquence she possessed, she knew she would not persuade Joe to spend three or four pounds on a good suit, the sort of suit he had worn as the smart young chap who had courted her.

She took down the ugly Jubilee teapot which had belonged to her grandmother and counted the money in it. There were two ten shilling notes now, and nearly a pound's worth of silver. Suppose she handed it over to Joe as her contribution towards the budget reserve, as he called it, would that induce him to buy the suit he so badly needed?

The teapot stood on the dresser, the money piled neatly beside it, when the furniture dealer arrived with a chair he had been repairing.

Susie hastily slipped the money into a drawer, but the dealer seemed interested in the old teapot.

"That's a quaint old piece, Mrs. Foyle," he said, picking it up and examining it, "I suppose they made hundreds of them fifty years ago, but no one thought they would ever become valuable, so they were treated carelessly and got broken. If you ever thought of selling this I could get you a good price for it."

"What do you call a good price?" asked Susie, completely taken aback.

"Well, I could give you three pounds for it and then make a fair profit by selling it to a man who wants one to complete his Jubilee collection."

Susie didn't think twice, when the dealer left the house he carried away the Jubilee teapot, and Susie had added three pounds to her reserve, now hidden in a cigarette tin in the dresser drawer.

A new suit for Joe would be ever so much better than that ugly old teapot.

But now came the problem of how she was to make Joe buy the much-needed suit.

She knew he would not take the money to spend on himself, he was that obstinate, was Joe, and so pleased with his regular saving that he did not realize the big difference in his appearance, and how he was being pushed on one side at the shop. There would be a rainy day all right, perhaps a deluge before Christmas, if something wasn't done about Joe.

That afternoon she went down into the town, it was a cold but dry afternoon, the shop windows bright, and Christmas shoppers thronged the pavements. She looked in the windows of tailor's shops, and she had the money to buy Joe a fine suit, but you could not buy a suit like a pair of shoes, a man had to be measured and a suit tried on.

She couldn't spend all that money without being sure the suit was going to fit, and although she had taken the measurements of Joe's Sunday suit, she was not too sure about them. He was such a big chap and hated anything tight.

She resisted the temptation to look in the gay windows of Kennard's the drapers, lest she should be tempted to shelve her problem and make a hole in her unexpected wealth.

There was only one thing for it. She must tell Joe it was her Christmas present to him, and persuade him to come with her and be measured.

They were having tea that evening, and Susie was just about to approach the subject tactfully when a loud knock came at the door.

An errand boy stood there.

"Name of Foyle?" he said, and thrust a large parcel into her hands.

Susie stared at it blankly. It was from Corbin's the tailors, and it was obviously a suit of clothes. She darted for the kitchen.

"Joe!" she cried breathlessly, "there's a parcel come for you from the tailors. I am glad you've ordered a respectable suit at last!"

"It must be a mistake, lass. I've not ordered a new suit. Likely I'd be spending all that money just now!"

There was quite a horrified note in his voice.

Susie showed him the address on the parcel, and feverishly unpacked it.

"Aye, but it's a nice suit is that," said Joe, "but I didn't order it, and I'm not going to pay for it."

"There's no bill," replied Susie calmly, "but there's this card."

Joe took the card.

Dear Sir.—We have pleasure in sending you the suit made for you on the instructions of someone who wishes to remain anonymous, but who hopes you will accept the suit as a Christmas present and some return for a deep debt of gratitude owed to you.

Joe stared blankly at the card. He said it was a rum do, and he couldn't think of anyone who had cause to be all that grateful as to send him a fine suit like that.

"But you'll wear it, Joe?" said Susie eagerly.

"Oh aye, I'll wear it, nowt else to do but wear it, and it's a nice bit of stuff is that. I'd like to know who sent it."

Susie was completely mystified as she laid out the suit, and Joe was lost in meditation.

"I've got it, Sue girl!" he cried suddenly. "It must be young Mr. Stanton who sent that suit. I used to have my clothes made at Corbin's, and so did he."

"Mr. Stanton of Stanton's Stores!" gasped Susie.

"Well he's the one person who might think he owed me a deep debt of gratitude. You see, as lads Bob Stanton and I were pretty pally, that was before his father did so well, and launched out in a big way, and one evening he and I and another chap were walking along the bank of the canal when Bob slipped and fell into the canal. He was no swimmer, so I hopped in and hauled him out."

If that wasn't just like Joe!, thought Susie, he'd saved a man's life, but this was the first she'd ever heard of it, and he described it as though he'd just picked up someone in the street.

"Well I feel ashamed of young Stanton, to think that he's rolling in money now, but never takes any notice of the man who saved his life!"

"There's nowt the matter with Bob Stanton but his brass," said Joe, "when he came into the business he wanted to do something for me, just as he'd been asking me to get about with him before, but I couldn't run to his ways of life, and I wasn't going to be beholden to him."

"That's daft!" said Susie. "He's beholden to you."

Joe scratched his head.

"Happen there's something in that, anyway I'll keep the suit he's sent me. I expect he's seen me about and reckons I'm hard up. Reckon old Harrison thinks that too, he's been a bit funny with me of late, and this morning he said he was sorry to see that I wasn't as smartly dressed as I used to be. Like his nerve that was!"

Susie looked scared.

"I hope you explained how it was, Joe."

"It wasn't his business to bother about my Budget, and I've got my independence, Sue lass! I told him if he wanted his assistants to dress like Bond Street tailors' dummies he'd have to pay Bond Street wages. Eh, but that made him blink!"

Susie felt a little chill at her heart. The suit had come too late! Joe must have finished himself with Harrison now!

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Susie waited anxiously for Joe's return the next evening. He had left home looking very smart in his new suit, and there was just a hope that the sight of him would so please old Harrison that he would keep him on, but after what she had heard those women saying in the bus, and after seeing that sleek, pushful young man who was evidently trying to push her Joe out, she had not much hope.

There was a gleam of hope in another direction, though. For some little time there had been a rumour that young Stanton was going to take in another shop to add to the four he owned, and open it as an ironmongery department, so if that were true, surely the young man whose life Joe had once saved would give him a job there.

Joe was late, but of course it might be due to the Christmas rush. All the same it was worrying. Perhaps Harrison had sacked him, and he hated to come home?

Then she saw Joe walking briskly towards the house, and from the expression on his face it was clear that nothing terrible had happened. She went to the door to meet him, and he put his arm round her shoulders, and gave her his usual smack of a kiss.

"Bob Stanton gave me this suit all right, and it's been a rare lucky suit for me. Budget's balanced all right, lass, there'll be no need to be so careful now, only reasonably careful like."

"Joe! What do you mean? What's happened?"

"Dinner time I went to thank Stanton, and he seemed rare pleased to see me again, and he asked me to go and lunch with him at the Grand Restaurant where he goes regularly, posh place, a rare good dinner it was. As luck would have it old Harrison was sitting at a table a short distance away, and his eyes almost popped out of his head at the sight of me sitting there with a rich and powerful chap like Bob Stanton."

"I know what's happened!" cried Susie, "Bob Stanton's offered you a big job in the ironmongery department he's going to open."

Joe chuckled.

"Wrong lass! In the first place he isn't going to open an ironmongery department as it's too cut up already, and in the second place I'd not be worth as much to him as I am to Harrison whose trade I know inside out, but when I got back to shop, there was Harrison all over me.

"'Look here, Joe' he says, 'I've a pretty good idea what's in the wind, and understand why you've been a bit different of late. You reckoned I ought to have given you that interest in the business I'd hinted at, now you're married.'"

Joe grinned down at his wife.

"I was that taken aback I couldn't say a word, and the next moment the old man was asking me not to do anything in a hurry, then he asked me into his office. You see he'd heard the rumour about Stanton opening a rival shop in the new year, and seeing us together at a posh place like the Grand he'd fairly got the wind up, for that smart boy's all right at the counter trade, but the big orders come to me, folk ask for me, so I'm to have another quid a week from tomorrow, and after Christmas an agreement's going to be drawn up giving me a share in the business which will mean a nice little bit before long."

"Oh, Joe, you must be pleased!" gasped Susie.

"I am that. Slap-up honeymoon we had, and now we can look forward to a real slap-up Christmas!"

## SMOKY

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The Corporal swung instantly in defence from this covert attack, but was unable to draw his weapon. The swiftness of his turning saved him.

Again, the half-breed slashed with that wicked blade. It ripped the Corporal's sweater and inflicted only a glancing wound on his shoulder. Bleeding, the Mountie staggered against a cabin wall as a great dark object hurled itself upon Baptiste.

Once more he struck with the murderous hunting knife, but he was too late. A pair of monstrous paws took him full on the chest, and the would-be assassin went crashing to the cabin floor inside the doorway. Over him, hackles erect and bristling, a tattered orange coloured silk scarf tied to his collar, stood Smoky!

Baptiste would never steal from his kindly employer again. He was past all help. When that gray thunderbolt struck him, Baptiste had fallen directly on the point of the hunting knife!

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It was Christmas Eve. Corporal Dool was propped up comfortably in the bunk, and in one corner of the cabin was a Christmas tree brightly decorated.

"How 'bout another kiss?" suggested the Corporal.

"A nurse isn't supposed to kiss her patient!" Marie retorted.

Uncle Jason had slipped out and left them to themselves. Only Smoky remained. He lay stretched out on a rug, eyes half closed.

Smoky was pretending not to see Corporal Dool, who was sitting up in the bunk, and holding Marie with his good left arm. They were kissing again. Smoky closed his eyes like a well-bred husky.


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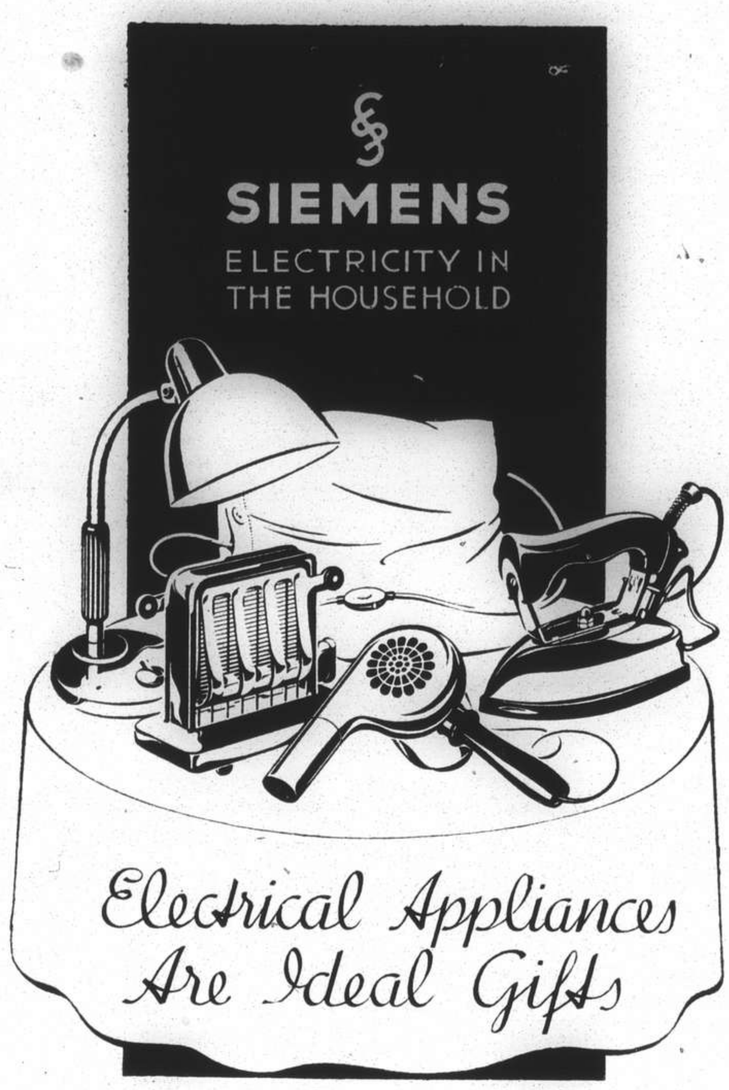


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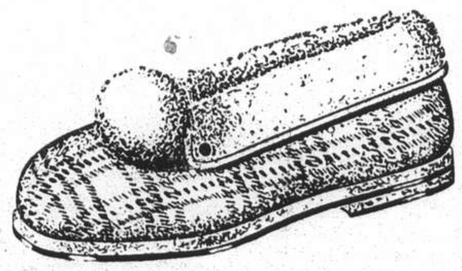

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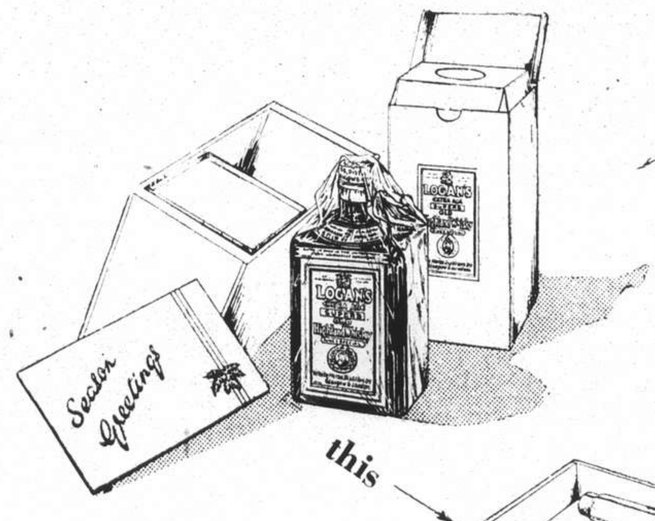


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# Joining up a Bit

By JOHN MARSH

LET's see, Miss, the porter was saying, "it's the 10-30 to Melshurst that you're wanting, isn't it?"

"That's right," said Susan.

She smiled. Blithely the porter led the way to the platform required, found an empty "first," and placed her case on the rack. And then, still blithe, he pocketed Susan's tip. She smiled once more.

"Thank you, Miss," said the porter. "And a merry Christmas to you, I'm sure."

He closed the door.

Legging it furiously down the platform was a cheery-looking young man, a young man who peered into carriages apparently in search of a moderately empty one. A young man who dived at the door and hurled into Susan's carriage himself and the entire contents of a suddenly opened suitcase; a young man who, sprawled at full length upon a litter of toothbrushes and pyjamas, looked up dazedly at the most wonderful girl he had ever seen in his life.

"I'm awfully sorry—crashing in like that!" he said.

"Are you—are you all right?" inquired Susan.

"I should say I am." He raised himself from off the tube of toothpaste upon which he was reclining. He was still looking at her.

He proceeded then to repack his bag. He did that by putting it on the floor of the carriage and pouring into it everything in sight, in the manner of a man shovelling coal into a sack. He then forced the lid back into its original position of bulginess, and placed the case on the rack. He sat down and opened out his morning paper.

But now the question was—how could he speak to her again? Of course he could ask her if she wanted the window open.

He could inquire if she minded him smoking. But young Mr. Hugo Collins frowned upon those methods. Not done, in his opinion. The man who started those capers when he found himself alone in a carriage with a decent-looking girl wanted a sock in the jaw, and Hugo would have been the first to furnish him with it. No, not done!

But all the same, unless something was done—well—Hugo stared at the paper again with a furrowed brow. Something would have——

He suddenly shot his eyes up as though the train had burst into flames. She was speaking! Yes, she was pointing under the seat!

"Er—excuse me," she was saying just a trifle shyly, "but I think your hairbrush is still on the floor."

"I say——" Hugo began. "Thanks awfully." He delved for it. "Terribly good of you."

"Not at all," said Susan.

Hugo paused. He placed the hairbrush in his suitcase. Then he sat down and toyed with the newspaper again.

"Er—by the way," he said, "would you care to look at the news?"

"Oh—thank you," she said.

Hugo went across. He handed her the paper.

"Thanks." Susan looked downwards suddenly. "I say, isn't that a necktie down there by the door?"

"Good Lord, so it is!" said Hugo. He picked it up. "I wonder if that's the lot, now?"

He sat down just where he was and started to roll the necktie slowly. Susan meanwhile was turning over the pages of the paper with an absent air.

Half an hour later Hugo was still there. He was still toying with the necktie. But now an expression of happiness was shining on his features like morning sunshine. In those short 30 minutes he had found that her name was Susan, and that she too was spending the Christmas at Melshurst.

"It's a sort of party you're going to, I suppose, isn't it?" Susan was inquiring.

"Well, not exactly," said Hugo. "More like a duty visit really. My uncle it is. Don't suppose there'll be many people there. He's only lived at Melshurst about four months, anyway."

"A duty visit? Why, that's funny," said Susan "I usually go down to my aunt's place at Christmas for more or less the same reason."

Hugo plucked at the necktie during the short silence that followed.

"I say," he began at length, "couldn't we—couldn't we join up a bit then? You know what I mean, the more the merrier and what not."

Susan eyed the paper.

"I—think perhaps it would be rather jolly."

Hugo's expression of happiness grew even more pronounced. This was fine. It sounded to him as though it was going to be the merriest Christmas he could ever remember.

He was still thinking so when they arrived at Melshurst. He took Susan's suitcase down from the rack, and carried both that and his own out to the station yard. He saw her into a cab.

"You—er—won't forget that appointment this afternoon?" he inquired anxiously.

"No, I'll try to remember it. Three o'clock near the church corner?"

"That's it," said Hugo.

He watched her cab draw out of the station yard. He dazedly tipped a porter who had meanwhile placed his bag into another cab.

"Thank you, sir," said the porter. "Merry Christmas."

"I should say it was," agreed Hugo heartily.

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Susan's Aunt Judith was mostly renowned in the village for her habit of saying exactly what she meant. She was a tallish "tailor-made costume and shirt blouse" sort of person who bred dogs for a hobby and looked as though she could equally well breed lions or tigers without them giving her very much trouble.

Her appearance, however, was not entirely that of a lion tamer. In fact elderly men in the village were apt to say that Miss Devonish was a fine woman. They raised their hats with a flourish when they saw her. Their steps became jaunty when she walked with them. They admired her dogs if they met her in the High Street. and thought meanwhile that they were rather dogs themselves.

Just at the moment Aunt Judith was regarding Susan over the top of a cloud of cigarette smoke.

"What's that you said?" she was inquiring.

"I said I met a young man coming down in the train who wants us to—well—make up a bit of a party for Christmas."

"I heard that," said Aunt Judith. "But his name—what did you say it was?"

"Collins," said Susan. "Hugo Collins. His uncle lives down here somewhere."

Aunt Judith drew at her cigarette as though she were trying to set it on fire.

"Then that just shows you that you shouldn't speak to men on trains. That man's no good."

"What!" Susan's eyes opened wide. "Do you know him then?"

"Never met him in my life," said Aunt Judith. "Don't want to. Shouldn't, in fact. But I've met his uncle. That's enough for me."

"But I don't understand," said Susan. "What's the matter with his uncle?"

"Matter?" said Aunt Judith. "Heh! Nothing's the matter. Except that if I had any spirit at all I ought to be suing him for breach of promise!"

"Breach of promise?"

"Yes. Feller proposed marriage to me. Then he took fright, I suppose . . . shied away like a horse at a piece of paper. I don't blame him personally, but it rather made me feel that I must have a face like a mastiff. So don't expect me to wag my tail when you talk about his nephew."

"But I've promised to meet him at three," said Susan.

"Well," said Aunt Judith, "go right ahead. Of course, you've really come down here to see me. But now, I expect, you'll be mooning round with him all the time. Still, go right ahead!"

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At that very moment, in a house on the other side of the village, Hugo's uncle Timothy was standing in front of the fire in a suit of plus fours. His pipe was drawing well. It was Christmas Eve. The fire was pleasantly warm. And he was smiling amiably. In fact he looked exactly what he was—a contented elderly man.

Then suddenly something happened. His plus fours seemed to sag. His pipe hung from his lips. His smile shot off his face as though pulled by a wire.

"What's that?" he said "Her aunt lives where? Her name was what?"

"Susan," said Hugo. "Susan Devonish. And her aunt . . ."

"Good Heavens!" said Uncle Timothy. "No wonder she made such an impression on you! Hugo, my boy, you've got to be very careful or you'll find yourself being pulled off to a church by your hair."

"What! What on earth do you mean?" Hugo demanded. "And I wouldn't mind, anyway."

"Mind! It wouldn't matter whether you minded or not. You wouldn't be asked! Why, do you know, I've had to struggle like a fish on the end of a hook to get away from marrying that girl's aunt."

"You've had to—you——"

"Yes, me," said Uncle Timothy. "Heaven knows how it happened either. I was merely saying some—er—well, little gallantry to her one afternoon about how cruel of her it is to remain single, that's all, and suddenly I found she was almost putting the banns up."

Hugo took out his cigarette case.

"Anyway, I'm meeting her niece this afternoon," he said. "At three."

Uncle Timothy shrugged his shoulders.

"Very well, my boy," he said. "Don't mind me. You go! You go! I'm perfectly happy about spending Christmas alone while you go dancing off to the slaughter house!"

At ten minutes past three, Susan and Hugo were sitting at the window table of a teashop in the High street, having a cup of tea, and a solemn conference.

"My aunt says he proposed marriage," said Susan.

"My uncle says he was suddenly misunderstood, and almost pulled to the altar by his ear."

"My aunt also says," continued Susan, "that there's going to be no party business as far as she's concerned."

"So does my uncle."

There was more silence.

"They're potty," said Hugo.

"But we'll have a party somehow, even if it means taking those two along to be married in straitjackets. Look here, what about you turning up at our place this evening as though nothing had happened? Or me at yours?"

"There'd be trouble," said Susan, "whichever way it was. I'm sure of it."

"Yes, perhaps you're right. Lord, if only we could get them together and make 'em see reason. Something has got to be done. Let's think."

They thought.

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At about half past eleven that night Aunt Judith stubbed out a cigarette and glared at the clock. She tapped her foot on the floor. She went to the window. And still there was no sign of Susan.

She started suddenly. A half-hearted ring at the door had sounded from the hall. She glared yet again at the clock. Quarter to twelve. Well that certainly was a nice time to bring a girl home, she reflected, as she made her way quickly to the front door.

"Well this——" she began as she swung it open.

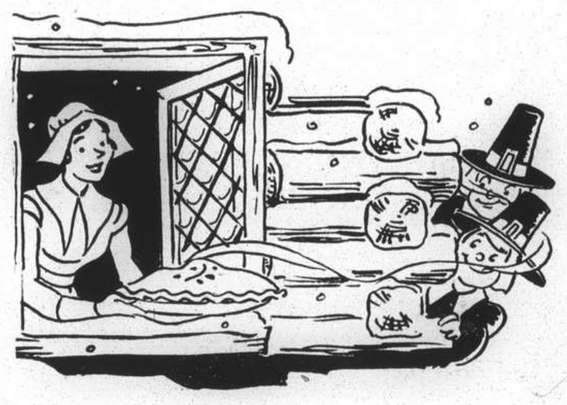
She went no further. It wasn't Susan who had rung the bell. It wasn't even Hugo. It was Uncle Timothy.

He stood for a moment with a somewhat embarrassed countenance, holding his hat in one nervous hand.

"Oh—er—good evening, Miss Devonish," he said. "Excuse me troubling you at such a strange hour of the night, but I understand that—er—my nephew was taking your niece out for the afternoon. I was getting rather worried. He hasn't returned, I mean. Is he here, by any chance?"

"No," said Aund Judith, "he's not. And what's more, I understand that my niece was going out for the afternoon with your nephew. And I'm getting rather worried, too. Er—are you coming in, or not?"

Uncle Timothy's expression became suddenly somewhat hunted.



"Oh—er—well, thanks," he said. He stepped into the hall as though he were stepping into a den full of lions.

"I wonder where those two young people can have got to?" he inquired. "I suppose they're together, aren't they?"

"I should imagine so," said Aunt Judith. "My niece wouldn't be out so late if it weren't for the fact she's with that precious nephew of yours."

Uncle Timothy shed a little of his air of nervousness.

"What's that?" he demanded. "My nephew indeed! He comes down here to see me, and then your niece seizes hold of him and keeps him out till this time! I tell you, Miss Devonish——"

"Your nephew, I said, Mr. Collins," stated Aunt Judith. "And your nephew I mean. Seizes hold! Rubbish! You mean he persuades her to go gallivanting off!"

"I tell you——Why, good heavens, madam!" said Uncle Timothy. "As though the man ever has anything to do with it! Ridiculous!"

"Yes, and why not?"

"Pshaw!" said Uncle Timothy.

"Meanwhile a cab had stopped a little way down the road from Aunt Judith's abode. From it alighted Susan and Hugo. They had been to the evening performance at a cinema in a nearby town.

"Do you think there's any chance of our scheme having worked?" Susan was asking.

Hugo paid off the cabman. He turned to her.

"Can't say for sure," he observed. "But there's a chance. A good one. I should imagine."

"The question is," continued Susan, "If it has been successful, who's gone to see who? Has Aunt Judith gone to see your Uncle about it, or has your Uncle come to see her?"

They were near the gates of the house now.

"Anyway," she went on, "there seems to be lights in the drawing room of our place. We'll soon see what's happened."

"Yes," said Hugo. "Let's get in. I bet we'll find 'em there talking away like friends of fifty years, and wondering whether we've been drowned or merely run over. A jolly good idea of mine this was, I reckon. Cruel, but kind."

They made their way up to the door. From afar the voices of carol singers came softly through the crisp night air. The stars shone down upon a scene of Christmas peace. Susan inserted a key in the door. She swung it open. She cocked an attentive ear. So did Hugo. Then ——

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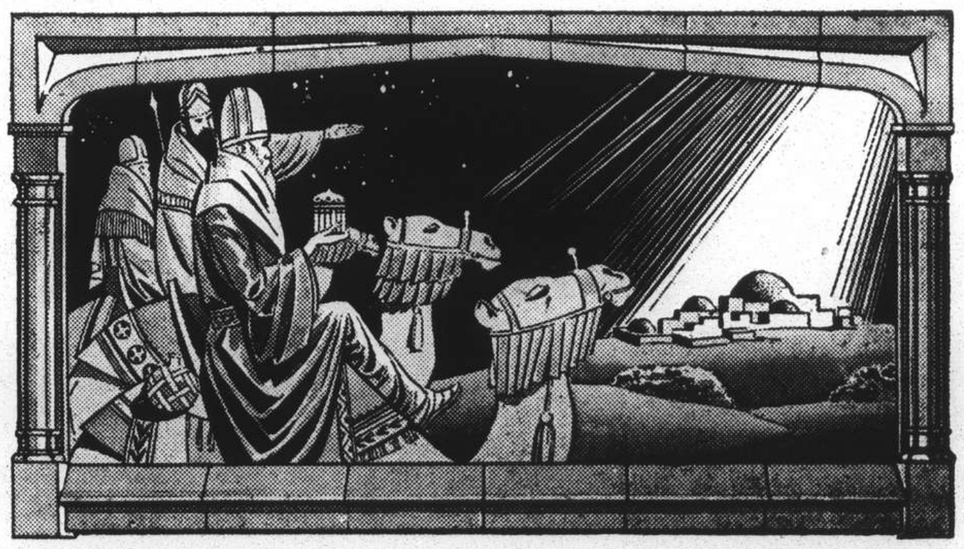

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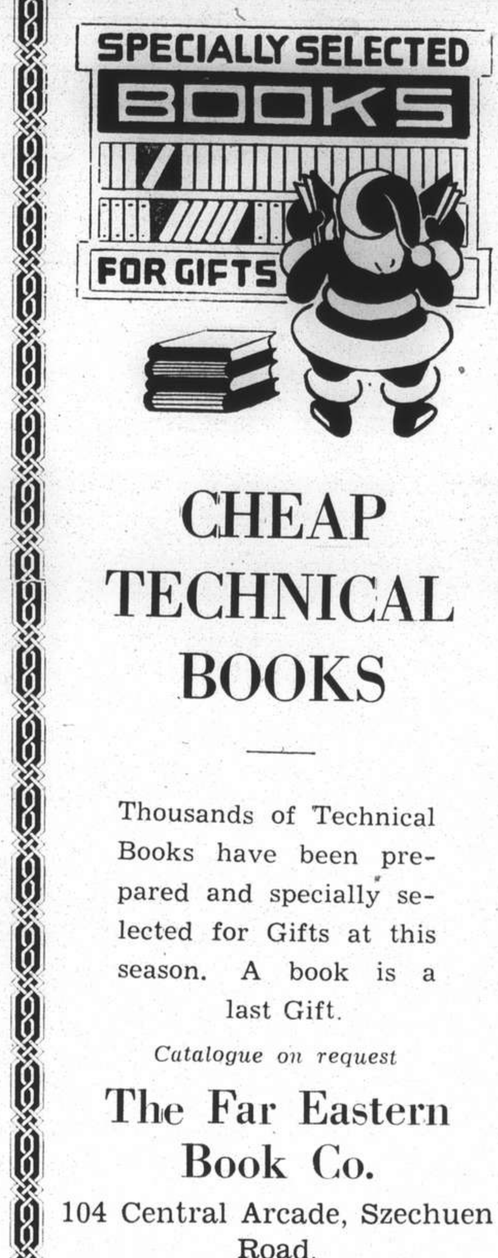


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THE MAIL MAN - HE GETS SOMETHING ALTHOUGH MOSTLY HE BRINGS BILLS AND TAX NOTICES HOWEVER. OCCASIONALLY HE BRINGS GOOD NEWS
AUNT AGNES - FOR HER A BOOK - MYSTERY STORY WELL SPRINKLED WITH MURDERS - SHE LIKES 'EM GORY
THE POISONED PIE
JUNIOR - HE EXPECTS A COWBOY SUIT COMPLETE WITH RIFLE REVOLVER AND SKINNING KNIFE OH YES AND A COMPASS
THE NORTHWEST PASSAGE
DAUGHTER - SHE WANTS A SPORT ROADSTER .SHE'LL DO WITH LESS - MUCH LESS
MARY - A BOOK WOULD DO FOR HER IF IT WASN'T FOR THE FACT THAT SHE HAS NO TIME FOR READING - - AND DOESN'T HAVE TO GO TO BOOKS FOR ROMANCE
AUNT MARIAN - A SUIT OF PYJAMAS FOR HER
SHE HAS BEEN SLEEPING IN OLD FASHIONED NIGHTGOWNS ALL HER LIFE IT'S TIME SHE WAS BROUGHT UP TO DATE
UNCLE JOE - HE GETS A PAIR OF SUSPENDERS THAT'S WHAT HE NEEDS — SOMETHING TO TAKE UP THE SLACK /
HANDS
WE WOULD LIKE TO SLIP SOME COINS INTO ALL THE HANDS WE SEE AND WE'D DO IT IF WE COULD GET THE COINS RED HOT BEFORE PASSING THEM OVER
JEAN - RECENTLY MARRIED SHE GETS A COOK BOOK AND BOY SHE NEEDS IT' BETTER GIVE HER TWO
THE NIECE WE DON'T KNOW IF KISSING WILL MAKE HAIR GROW BUT SHE MUST GET SOMETHING FOR TRYING
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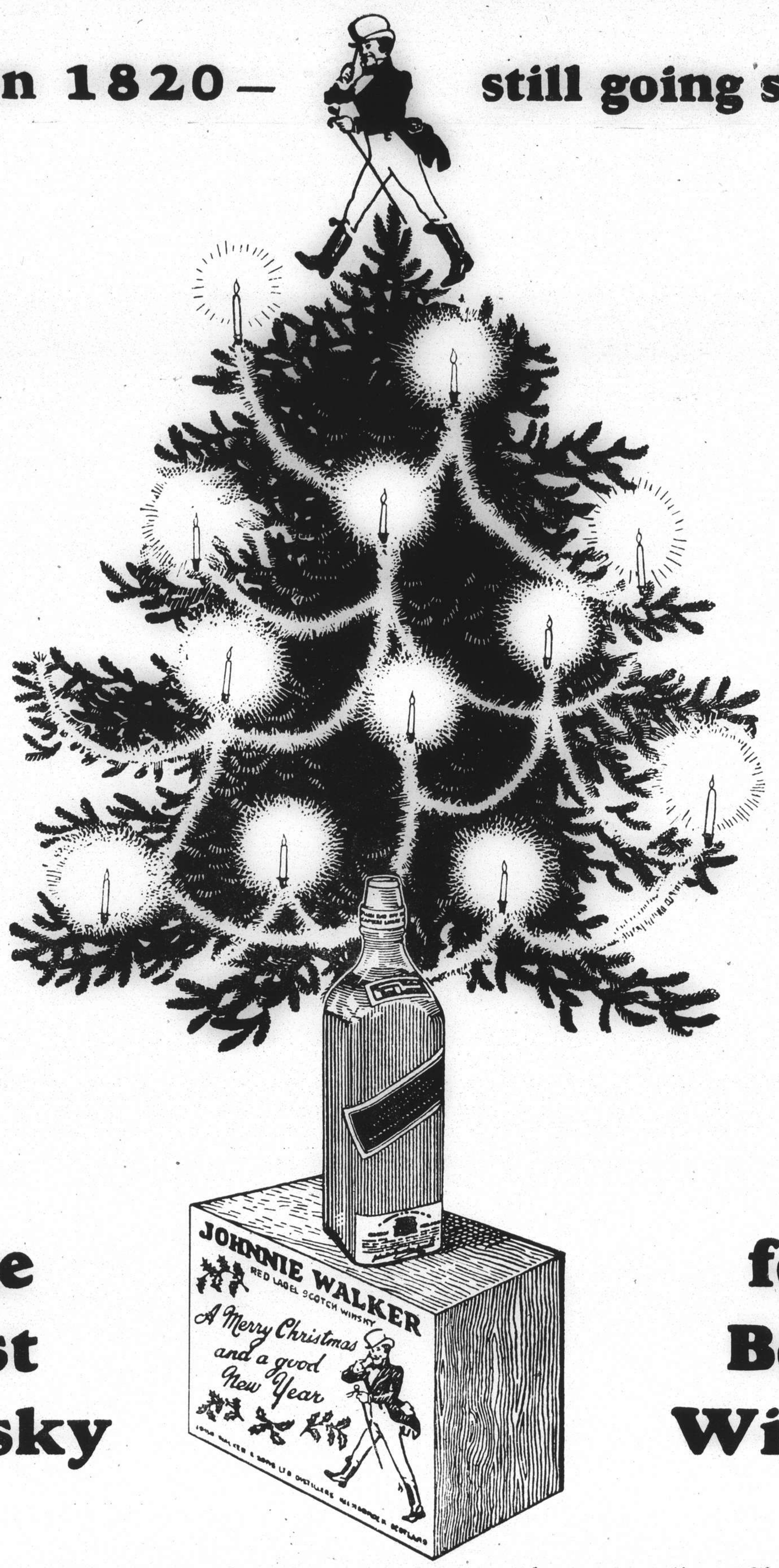


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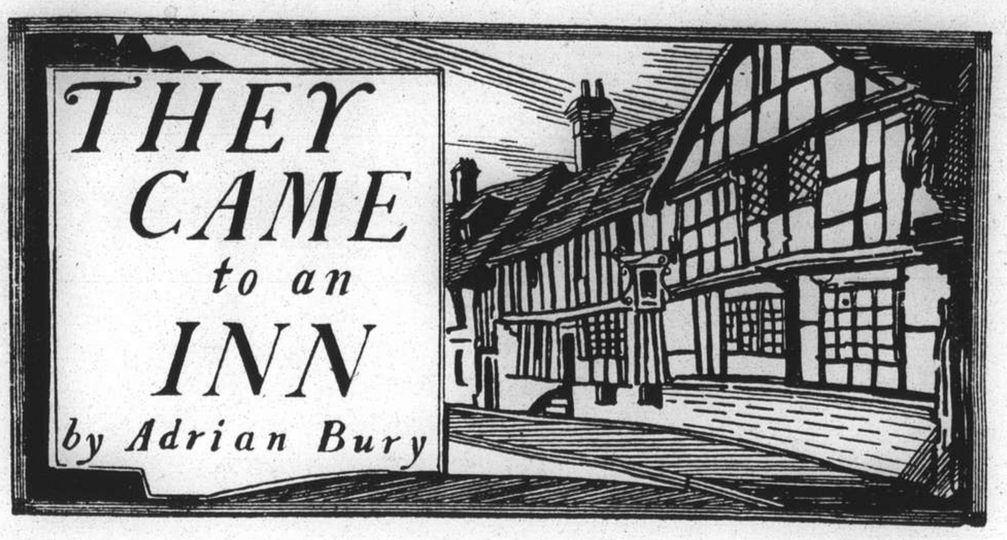

# THEY CAME to an INN

by Adrian Bury

It is significant that the story of Christianity begins and ends with an inn, from the birth of the Holy Child to the Last Supper. The idea of hospitality is intimately bound up in our religious beliefs—the inn was a refuge for the human wayfarer on his mysterious journey through life ; the Church became a refuge for his spirit.

In the New Testament the tavern and religion are inseparable, and all down the ages they are associated in their ministrations. Even today many of the most beautiful old inns and churches stand face to face in the villages.

It is fitting then, that at Christmas time we should think of hostelries, of busy kitchens, roaring fires, dining-rooms hung with seasonable decorations, cosy bedchambers, and polite servitors.

"As we drove into the great gateway of the inn," says Washington Irving, "I saw on one side the light of a rousing kitchen fire beaming through a window. I entered, and admired, for the hundredth time, that picture of convenience, neatness, and broad, honest enjoyment, the kitchen of an English inn. It was of spacious dimensions, hung round with copper and tin vessels, highly polished, and decorated here and there with a Christmas green. Hams, tongues, and flitches of bacon were suspended from the ceiling; a smoke-jack made its ceaseless clanging beside the fireplace, and a clock ticked in one corner."

In an age of disturbing change it is pleasant to know that at least one change has been for the better—the revival of the old inn from its decay and lethargy to something of its pristine perfection. After nearly a hundred years of neglect the traditional tavern has come to life again; and for this we must thank the motor-car. The Traveller having taken to the road again, Boniface is ready everywhere to welcome him.

Let us make a tour of a few inns conspicuous for their beauty of appearance and good cheer, and which have resounded Christmas merriment.

### Pickwickian

A London inn of unique architectural interest is the "George" in the Borough. It stands not far from Southwark Cathedral, and being the last London survivor with a gallery we can get an idea of the kind of building that Dickens has introduced as a background for Pickwickian and other characters—though the repartee between Sam Weller and the smart chambermaid about No. 22's boots occurred actually in the "White Hart," a similar place nearby in the Borough High Street, now pulled down.

Two sides of the "George" have gone, but one side still stretches the length of the open yard. It is the same kind of "rambling, queer old" place that Dickens describes, "with galleries, and passages, and staircases, wide enough and antiquated enough to furnish materials for a hundred ghost stories." Here are the same wooden balustrades and double tier of bedroom galleries, and we can vividly picture the comedy of Mr. Pickwick and his friends bursting in upon Mr. Jingle and his elderly spinster in their room at the end of the second passage.

What is left of the "George" was built immediately after the Great Fire, but its history goes back much farther. It was one of many inns which served travellers at the time of the Canterbury Pilgrims, and might even have been patronized by Shakespeare and his players from the "Globe" Theatre on Bankside, Southwark.

From the "George" to the "Prospect of Whitby" at Wapping, on the other side of the river, is not very far. This is the watermen's house, built for shipping rather than coaches. Overhanging the river, a balcony gives us a splendid view of the Pool of London. There is none finer in these parts, especially when the tide is high and all manner of craft are coming and going about their various business.

The "Prospect," over two hundred years old, has seen many revolutions in shipping since the gallant East Indiamen sailed off on their perilous voyages. Its bright, cheerful rooms are a rendezvous not only for dockers and lightermen and sailors generally, but for painters and writers and film stars who find this characteristic house and its riverside environment extraordinarily inspiring.

There are so many excellent examples of period architecture left to us that it is invidious to single out any one of them as the best.

### In Ludlow Town

But surely nothing is lovelier to look upon in the whole of England than the "Feathers" at Ludlow. This might be called a "museum piece."

Dating from the Tudor period, the front is carved into patterns of great delicacy and intricacy, giving a unique effect of black and white. The building, inside and out is a masterpiece of craftsmanship, and has retained its original features. It is also furnished with appropriate antiques.

It would be nice to think that Milton had the "Feathers" in mind when he wrote of the "spicy nut brown ale," though there is no actual record that he visited the place when "Comus" was first produced at Ludlow Castle in 1634.

Poets have always taken kindly to inns. And at the "Swan" at Grasmere one may feel the spell of Wordsworth and his friends, Coleridge, Scott, Lamb, and Ruskin. It was but a short walk from Wordsworth's Dove Cottage to the "Swan," and who better than a poet after a strenuous day of high thinking and plain living can appreciate a glass of wine or ale?

The "Swan," set in beautiful Westmorland, has been tactfully modernized and is doubtless more stylish and important now than in Wordsworth's day ; but the charming link with the poets is preserved.

Wordsworth writes of the "Swan's" irresistible "casement panes, and that bright gleam which thence will fall." Nowadays, the "bright gleam" happens to be electric light, but it is as positive as ever it was. And, once we get the Grasmere habit, we heartily share the sentiments of Wordsworth's countryman in his poem, the "Wagoner," who, in regard to the "Swan"

> Could tell with self-dissatisfaction
> Quaint stories of the bird's attraction!

* * *

Which is the senior of all the venerable company of taverns? Like very old men, inns may sometimes exaggerate their age. Such vanity is pardonable. That little fairy-tale house called the "Fighting Cocks" at St. Albans claims to be over a thousand years old. We hear that it came into existence long before William the Conqueror—indeed, legend has it that the building developed out of a boathouse belonging to the eighth century monastery of St. Alban.

When the traveller calls for his Christmas pint here, he can meditate on an almost incredible period of time.

We do know, however, that that exquisite stone house, the "Angel" at Grantham, is assuredly 13th century. And the religious carvings and Latin inscriptions upon the beams of the "New Inn" at Gloucester are a definite link with the days of Edward II. when pilgrims to the king's shrine used to put up here.

Perhaps the most curious "house of call" is the "George" at Colchester. The "George" has an eighteenth century face, but its roots are in remote Roman antiquity. Through the window of the underground snack bar we can look on several strata of Roman Colchester. There are 10 in number, dating back as far as A.D. 50.

The antiquary will delight in this—but if he is also a connoisseur of good food and drink, he will find that the "George" skilfully blends old customs with new ideas, and is thoroughly up to date in all that makes for comfort and well-being.

### Where Jerome Wrote

And now—were I looking out for a thoroughly romantic, rustic place, I should seriously consider a delightful inn near Dorchester in Oxfordshire. The "Barley Mow" at Clifton Hampden has a warm, thatched roof. Like a dear, long-loved country cottage the place is a symbol of Home, Sweet Home.

At the "Barley Mow" Jerome K. Jerome wrote "Three Men in a Boat," using a little room where the rafters seem to have a sense of humour in running unexpectedly in all directions—an irresponsible little room like a tent, but one obviously built for all time by some anonymous village "architect." At Clifton Hampden the youthful Thames, the toll bridge, with here and there a fine willow, make a perfect picture reminiscent of the work of Peter de Wint or Cotman.

Clifton Hampden on a bridge Christmas morning is a blessed memory.

### For Festivity

Some people like quiet, even on festive occasions ; but if you have the right, rollicking, gregarious mood, why not an inn with a Dickens flavour? There are three authentic Pickwick ones—the "Leather Bottle" at Cobham in Kent, the "Bull" at Rochester, and the "White Horse" at Ipswich, always full of seasonable fare and good company.

Suppose we raise our glasses to the "Leather Bottle" and hope, following the example of the Pickwick party, to spend an evening there "devoted to festivity and conversation."

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And such is the irresistible charm of the old inn. When we arrive at the tavern of our desire, we enjoy not only the present but the past. The atmosphere is redolent of song and laughter, good viands and cherished customs. Here men and women, mere passengers of life, have found shelter and peace. Let us be thankful for our old inns. How much happiness have they given throughout their long lives of service.

*"The Fighting Cocks," St. Albans*

## Answers to Puzzles on Page 13

Find the Ants :—1, Antique ; 2, Antelope ; 3, Anthracite ; 4, Anthony ; 5, Antagonist ; 6, Anthem.

A Mysterious Animal :—Elephant. —

The Dainty Lady Crossword :—Across : 1 Drop, 5 Rove, 6 Modest, 8 No, 10 Hasp, 13 Sad, 15 Bar, 16 If, 17 Tee, 19 Erect, 20 Roan, 21 Den, 22 Stun, 24 Do, 25 Saw, 26 Obeys. Down : 1 Gross, 2 Rod, 3 Oven, 4 Pesos, 7 Shares, 9 Idea, 11 Arena, 12 Pits, 14 Atone, 15 Bed, 18 Ends, 20 Rub, 23 To.

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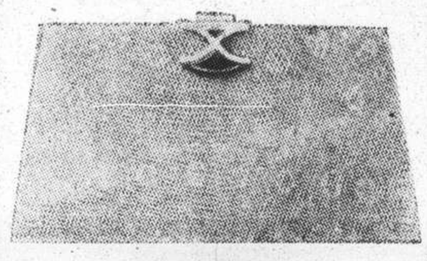

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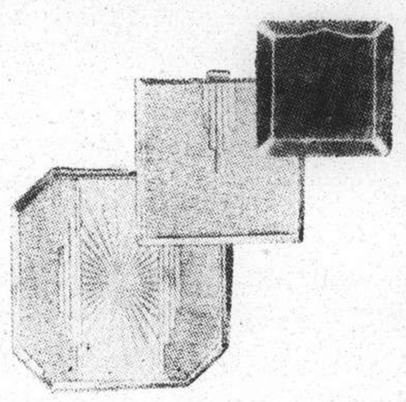

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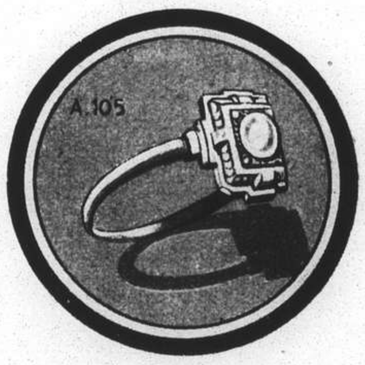


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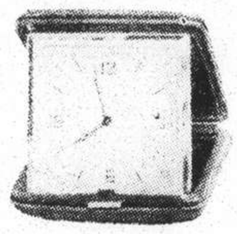

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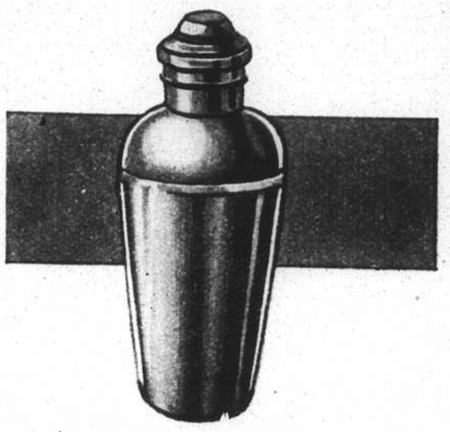

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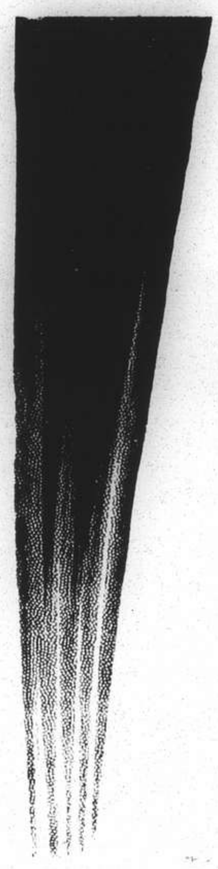

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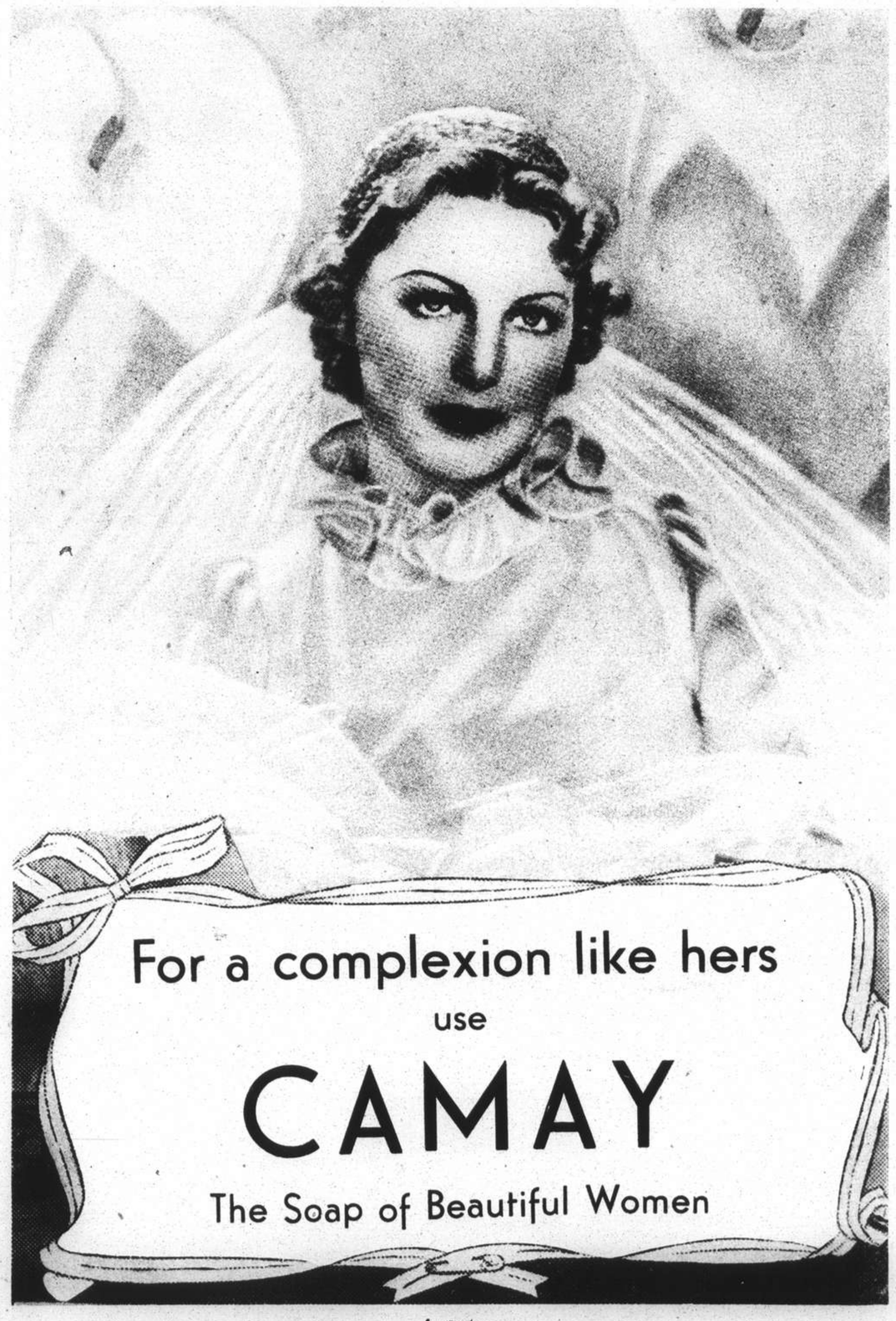

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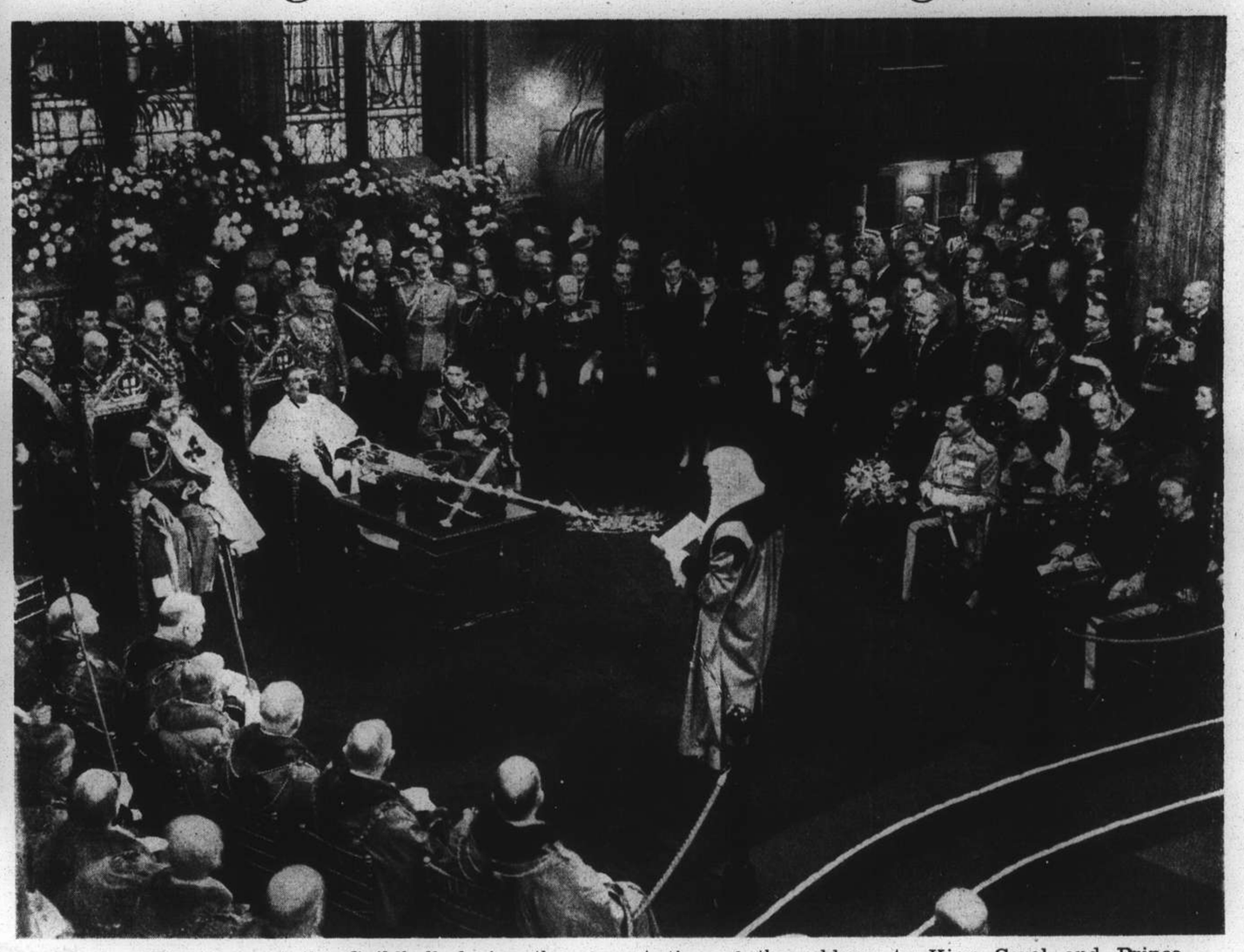
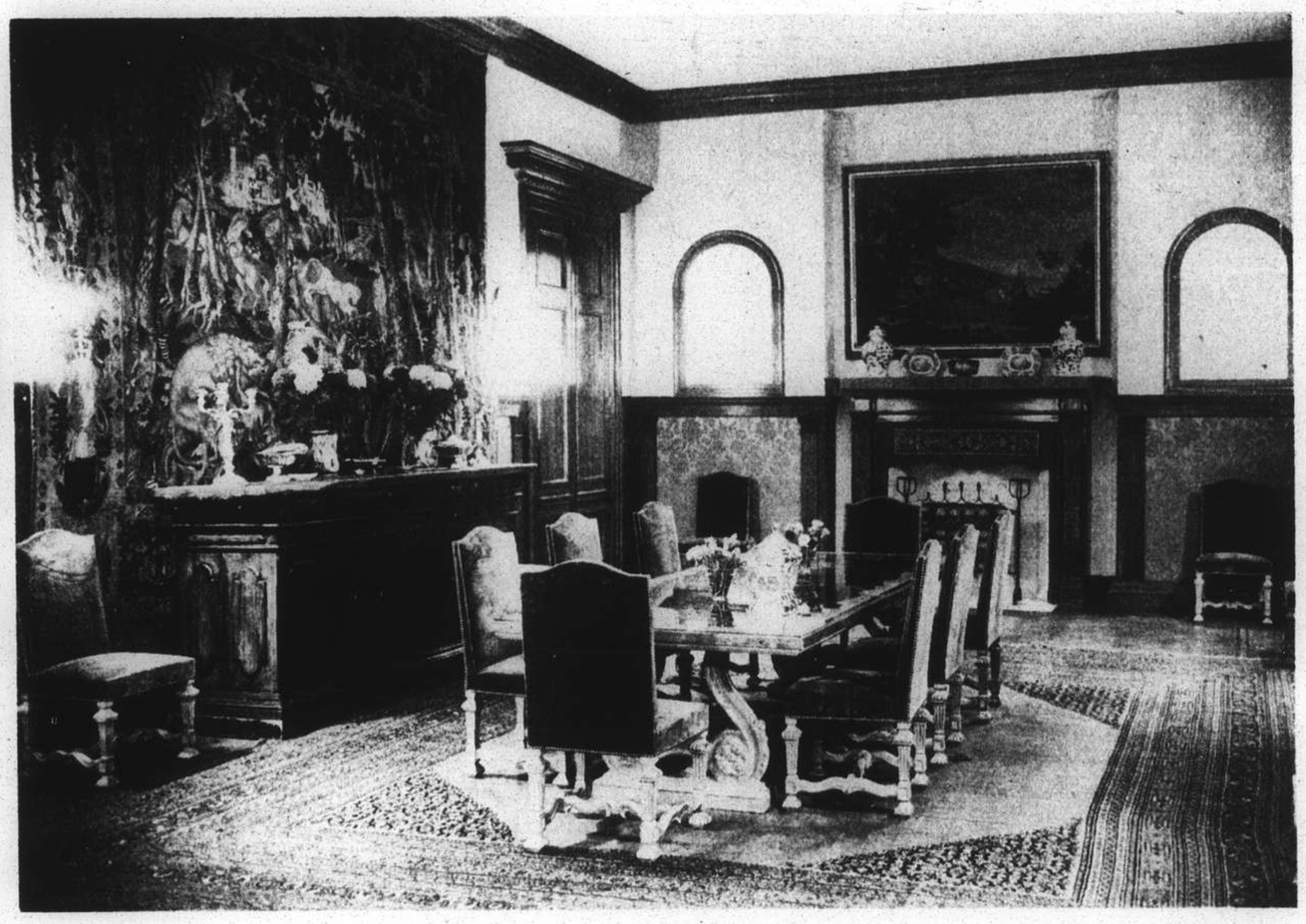


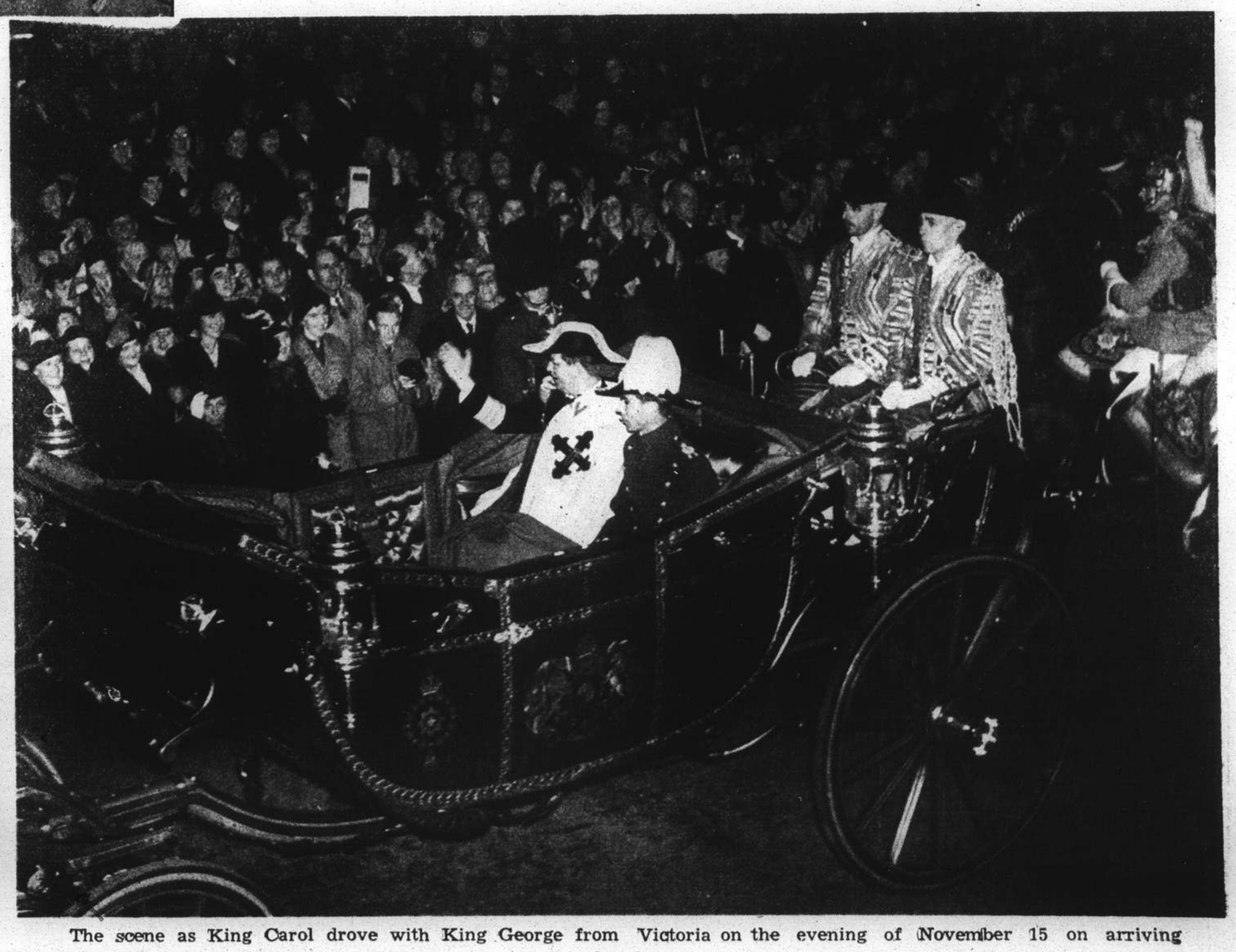
The scene at the Guildhall during the presenta tion of the address to King Carol and Prince Michael before the City luncheon. King Carol and Prince Michael are seated on either side of the Lord Mayor. At the right, seated, are the Lady Mayoress, the Duke of Gloucester, Lady Maugham, the Premier and the Lord High Chancellor.

King Carol and Prince Michael photographed on board H.M.S. Sikh on their arrival at Dover on November 15 on their state visit to London.



A view of the magnificent dining room at the Rumanian Legation, Belgrave Square, where King Carol and Prince Michael entertained the King and Queen.

The Duke and Duchess of Kent enjoy a joke with King Carol and Prince Michael as the former left the Rumanian Legation after the banquet in honour of the King and Queen.



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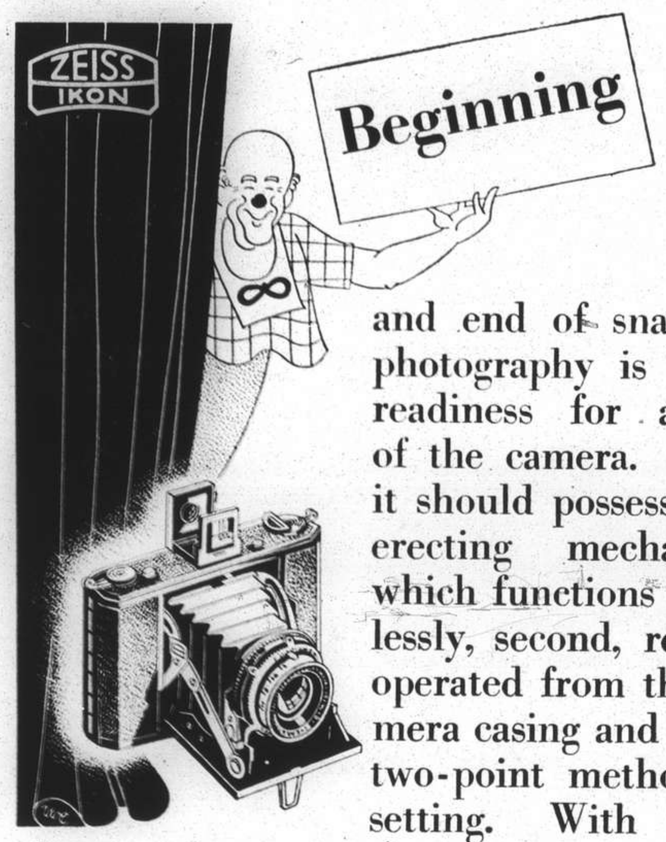


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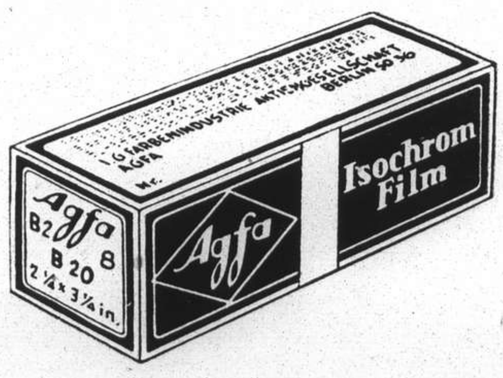




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# MISS MISTLETOE

By STANLEY STOKES

"……And that," with a touch of pomposity, said Keith Vivian, a tall, impeccably-groomed young man, in most correct morning clothes, "is 'Miss Mistletoe'."

He moved elegantly towards the single wide window of his West End salon to view from yet another angle the delicate filmy green frock which, with its artistic semblance of raggedness, and adorned with glistening berry-like pearls, clung gracefully to the flesh-tinted and very life-like limbs of a slim wax model.

There was a blend, of hauteur and self-satisfaction in his voice as, addressing the only other occupant of the salon—his young mannequin-wife—he said:

"Well, what do you think of it, Joan?" And, without waiting for her to reply: "Isn't it delightful!"

Joan Vivian, dark, graceful, lovely, who had been reclining in a corner of a gold-brocaded settee during the somewhat over-elaborated and stagey kind of unveiling ceremony, rose up and joined Keith by the window.

"It's marvellous, Keith," she said breathlessly, and her blue eyes sparkled. "Ravishing." Her admiration was sincere. She laughed. "I can imagine the other woman like—a green cheese. And the other dress-designer, too, if it comes to that."

Keith was flattered. He laughed, too, with that stiff, self-conscious, silly air of condescension which he could never quite throw off.

"Think so," he said. "Anyway it ought not to disgrace any of the smart fancy-dress affairs at which it happens to be worn during the Christmas festivities."

Always the poseur, he became pleasantly absorbed in contemplation of the cleverness of his own exquisite craftsmanship.

"Yes," he said, after a rather prolonged observance, "it is pretty good." He held his head bird-like on one side, his brow crinkled in simulated concentration. He smiled. "Take a pretty slick competitor to whack it, I think. Mayfair ought to rave about it." He mused thoughtfully. "Perhaps a basket and a sprig or two of the genuine greenery to give it the Covent Garden touch….and, of course, the right woman to display it."

And at that Joan tensened. Keith's words sounded somehow rather foreshadowing. Dismay, ever such a suggestion of it, came into her gay blue eyes…."And, of course, the right woman to display it."

"But, surely, Keith….Why, yes, of course ….But, you do not mean that I….in the ….your dress show next week….?"

She faltered, became slightly embarrassed.

Keith glanced at his wrist-watch impatiently.

"Isn't it about time we went out for lunch?" he said levelly.

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In spite of the atmosphere of festivity, the gay music, jolly parties, balloons,' and other equally premature signs of the coming of Christmas, things which, in the ordinary way, would have moved Joan to an almost child-like outburst of ebullience, luncheon that day in the certain Piccadilly restaurant which they frequented, was not a success.

It was not until coffee and cigarettes that Keith, in an attempt to reason with Joan, slid his hand over to her's—a gesture which was immediately frustrated by Joan—and said, referring to a conversation that had begun as they walked along to the restaurant: "But, you see, my dear Joan, Gaye Fayre has 'box office.' Surely you allow that. I'm not belittling you. Not in any way. As a mannequin you have everything desirable—poise, figure, grace, deportment. I admit that. But Gaye Fayre—well, she's the 'part.' If you know what I mean. Remember how delightful she was in that last film of hers? The one where she played the part of a flower-girl. Well, she was just 'it.' Of course she was, wasn't she? Made the film, so to speak. Remember?

"Even you admitted that you know and that's what I want. Someone who….well, someone who will bring 'Miss Mistletoe' to life. I'm not saying that you can't wear the frock as well as she. You can. Better perhaps. But—but….well confound it, you aren't an actress, are you? And I do want this frock to be displayed to the best, the very best, advantage. After all, I do think I am entitled to that. When a fellow has created something—well, something out of the ordinary, he does need someone who can breathe life into the thing, doesn't he? And besides, Gaye Fayre is….well, I don't want to be brutal, darling, but she is, to put it mildly, a….a personality, isn't she?

"You must admit that. Frankly, I think I'm frightfully fortunate that she is an acquaintance as well as a client so that I am able to put the proposition before her. After all, there are other dress-designers in London who would give their souls for such a chance."

*"You witch, you clever little witch," said Keith.*

But Joan was in no mood to be reasoned with. She was hurt. Desperately so. It reflected upon her. Although, of course, she might be making a mound out of a worm-cast. She quite realized that. But ever since Keith had opened up on his own she had striven with every breath of her being to make the thing a success.

She had lived for it, slaved for it, crushed down her own stage ambitions for it. But her husband did not know that. Did not know that, if it had not been for her loyalty towards him and towards his business, she might, because of that poise, that grace, that deportment, that he had so glibly catalogued, she might have accepted offers which, even now, would have enabled her, perhaps, to be challenging Gaye Fayre as an actress on her own particular strip of territory.

So Joan, coldly stubbing out her cigarette, said with an unemotion she was far from feeling:

"Very well, Keith. Perhaps you know best."

"But you aren't an actress, are you?"

If she wasn't, what was she then. Wasn't a mannequin one?

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Keith was fiddling with the knobs of the natty small wireless set built into the wall of the smart little flat they occupied. Joan, beneath a tall primrose-shaded lamp, was curled up in a big easy chair. Ostensibly, she was reading. But from the corners of her eyes she could see that Keith was "edgy." For Joan knew her Keith. She had seen him like that before. Always Keith fussed when he had something on his mind. Something difficult, a little awkward to blurt out. But which, nevertheless, had to be declared.

Soon, as Joan surmised, the wireless set was snapped off with a gesture of impatience. Down in the road an inexpert cornetist began to screech out a bar of badly-distorted carol. Keith moved across to the window and stared between the curtains for a moment or two.

Presently it came.

His back towards Joan, and self-consciously, he said:

"Can't fix up with Gaye Fayre, after all."

Joan became sweet, but with the sharp sweetness of a pine-apple.

"No," she said indifferently. "Oh, but that's too bad, isn't it!"

"Fiendish!" retorted Keith vehemently, ignoring her thrust. "She's going North on Saturday to start rehearsals for a pantomime—Liverpool, I think … 'Phoned her this afternoon."

He pondered for a while, uneasily, awkwardly, fidgeting about the room, fingering things. Then with the painful embarrassment of a schoolboy he swung round:

"I—I suppose that you—you wouldn't care to—to …"

Joan helped him out, although she felt that he did not deserve it.

"Display 'Miss Mistletoe,' Keith? No … if you don't mind … I—I rather think … after all … and besides …"

She hesitated.

"Besides what?" growled Keith.

"Oh, nothing," said Joan in a voice that seemed to belie her answer, and which Keith could not decide whether it was pique or amusement.

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Joan was late at the salon the next morning. On her way she had had to call at a store to order provisions, and she dallied a little admiring the holly and gay streamers which were being put in position.

When Keith had left after breakfast, although he had made no further reference to the urgent question of who was to display "Miss Mistletoe" at the dress show, very obvious traces of his ill-humour were apparent.

But when Joan, somewhere round half-past ten, turned up at the salon, she was confronted by a very different Keith from the one she had parted with an hour or so before. He greeted her with hilarity as if there had never been a quarrel between them. Unusual for him, he rushed towards the plate glass door that she might pass with her few parcels. He beamed, smiled, strutted.

Joan was amused. It did not require a particularly bright mind to discover a probable reason for such a complete "swing-over." It was "Miss Mistletoe," of course.

And almost before Joan was alone with him in the salon, almost before she had divested herself of hat, coat and parcels, he was in spate. Gloriously, exaltingly so.

"Well, it's fixed!" he began. "Everything's O.K. Gaye Fayre has rung up. Awfully sorry she could not do the show herself, and all that sort of thing. But realizing how desperately the thing must matter to me, she had been wondering if she could not manage to help somehow. She thought it would be a good idea, probably a much better idea, if she could get some really important actress to do the thing, but incognito, if you know what I mean. A little subtle suggestion, judicious stage-management, showmanship. You know, everybody on tip-toe to wonder who she is and yet not knowing. Delia Church, perhaps. Or perhaps Jill Dawnysh"—Keith's imagination was running away with him. "You know the stunt … And nobody quite certain. Not even myself. And all the time this famous stage star carefully hidden behind one of those modern masks, but in green to match the frock. I call the thing a stroke of absolute genius! I left it to her."

Joan shrugged her shoulders.

Very much a man of temperament was Keith.

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Keith was in ecstacy.

The dress parades had been scheduled for two afternoons in the second week in December. The first had already taken place and undoubtedly had been an immediate and complete success.

And Keith was in ecstasy.

Sitting in his office, sipping a cup of China tea which one of his staff had brought in, he let his mind savour again the delicious delights of recollection. Again and again came back into his mind the thrill, the glow, the warm wine-like surge of self-satisfaction. How smoothly everything had gone off. How exultantly. The small but exclusive, oh, so very exclusive

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# Miss Mistletoe

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set of invitees. The flowers, the draperies, the few short rows, the very short rows of slender gilded chairs. And the tall, slim girl with the violin. Oh, a touch of artistry, that. Such a touch. . . . And then . . . oh, but whoever she was. . . . But such a woman. Such a creature. Glorious, svelte, and so . . .so aloof . . . aloof.

He could see her again alighting from a car at the door of his establishment. Yes, that was the word, establishment! . . . Tall, flower-like, imperious, fragile as a stem . . . and the mask . . . the green mask. Intriguing not to know. But, oh, so . . . so . . . Gaye, my dear, I kiss you . . . I salute you . . . I . . .

And then, how she had been the part and yet not the part. How so very, very, well—theatrical. But with just that right touch of theatricality, as if she were a goddess, a queen, a spirit. Something like . . . like a dream that took on actuality and then just faded and faded. And when she had been you wondered if she had ever come, and when she had gone you wondered if she had ever been . . . just that right touch. Sensibility and yet insensibility . . . When it was all over, doubt if you had ever met her at all . . .

And so Keith was in ecstacy.

And there were only two things that marred his joy.

One was that he was not a French man, to give adequate expression to the imaginative side of him, when with abandon that knew not self-consciousness he might have kissed the tips of his fingers as a gesture of joy. The other was that Joan had not been there to acknowledge how truly right he had been.

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Keith was feeling anxious.

So anxious that the sleeves of his admirable morning coat felt three inches too long, his hands like overripe plums. His collar seemed to have become annealed to his neck, and his neck to have become suddenly swollen. A dew of perspiration was beginning to moisten his forehead.

The time was half-past two, and the second of his dress parades was due to begin at three-thirty.

Shortly after two someone had rung up to say that Keith would have to find a substitute. They were frightfully, devastatingly, overwhelmingly sorry, you know, and all that sort of thing But—well, how could one circumvent measles, croup, or whatever the wretched thing was? Or could you? Keith wasn't very clear about the matter, now. Not even in that so short a time. All he remembered was that he had felt mad, suddenly ravingly distracted and, forgetting his divinity of the day before, was afraid that he had not been too polite.

After all, circumstances do make a difference, even to ecstasy.

And now Keith was wishing that Joan would turn up like a bad penny, or like manna from Heaven, or however things do turn up. Joan was a sport anyway. He gave her credit for that, even if she had gone down to that tiny cottage her aunt had left her, to get it ready against Christmas.

And, as if in answer to his prayers, if prayers they were, and he felt if they were that he did not deserve them, Joan did turn up, smiling, blue-eyed, poised. And in her hand she carried a small white box.

"Oh, Keith," she began, "I've come along to see the show. Hope you don't mind. I've altered mine I'm afraid. It is a woman's prerogative, isn't it? And, after all, my dear, I'm not so small-minded, really. . . ."

But Keith grabbed her.

"No time for explanations," he gasped. "I'm in a fix. My . . . my mannequin can't turn up this afternoon. Got measles, or some such unholy thing. Joan, my very reputation depends on this thing. You've simply got to help. Got to, you understand! Or, I'm sunk. . . . Get in there as sharp as you like and get dressed!"

"But, Keith," protested Joan, "I haven't. ."

"You must do the best you can," he growled. "There's no time for dithering. Look . . . for Christmas the finest string of pearls. . . ."

"Yes, yes, Keith, but what about the mask? You've forgotten that. You can't do without that or everybody will know!"

Keith groaned.

"Good Lord. I've forgotten. Of course . . . . Here, what's in that box you're carrying?"

"Something a messenger boy pushed into my hands as I came in."

Keith snatched at it.

"It's just possible," he said. "She may have that gumption, although I wonder."

Hastily he stripped the wrapping from it.

"Thank Heaven it is!"

He thrust the green mask into Joan's hands.

"Be slick," he said, as he almost pushing her into the tiny dressing-room.

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It was Christmas Eve

Even in Mayfair, sophisticated as it professed itself to be, something of the warmth and abandon of the season had crept in with holly and the scarlet of gay ribbons to put a touch of carnival into the etiquette of its polished windows.

Outside Keith Vivian's salon, in a cul-de-sac by a side door, a smart two-seater was drawn up. Presently the salon was closed for the few days holiday, and Keith, laden with parcels, came out to it.

Keith sank into the car with a gesture of that easy sang-froid that seems to be associated with success and competence. He was feeling particularly pleased with life too. The second of his dress parades had been, thanks to Joan's co-operation, at a time when disaster threatened, as tremendous a success as the first. Thanks also to that help, what had seemed like broadening out into a frightful gap between them, had been happily bridged.

Furthermore three copies of "Miss Mistletoe," at handsome prices had been commissioned by the people who matter. By a countess, for Christmas night at some affair in Park Lane; by a rising young film star, for a bright theatrical party; and by a minor foreign royalty for a function in Ruritania. . . .

So Keith, filtering through the maze of traffic out to the tiny cottage whence Joan had already betaken herself, past buses and lights and people, out between white moonlit hedges faery with sparkle and the benison of rime, whistled gaily to himself bars from carols and snatches from the latest revue. And in his pocket reposed that choice little necklet of pearls for Joan.

Now and again he shot by bands of waits grouped darkly and mysteriously about yellow lanterns by the pavements of old-world streets. Agog with joy almost automatically he threw out coins to them. . .

If only he were a Frenchman!

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One of several small parcels that were piled by Keith's plate on Christmas morning was wrapped round with so many layers of holly-sprigged paper that it did not require very much perspicacity on the part of Keith to decide that he was being made the victim of one of Joan's brand of particular bright jokes.

But he came to the last wrapper eventually, stripped off the white tissue inside the box, and then looked in upon a most delightful and certainly most exquisite representation of his latest creation, the one that caused so much hurt, and so much joy in the "making-up"—"Miss Mistletoe!"

It was a miniature sufficient to bring pleasure even to the heart of the most blasé. The tiny doll, the lovely exquisitely-fashioned frock with its semblance of raggedness, its pale berry-like pearls, the tiny branch of mistletoe and—yes, even complete in detail down to the cleverly-made little mask for its face.

It was so lovely that, artist as he was, Keith thrilled at the sheer beauty of it.

But there was something more than sheer beauty in its significance. There was enlightenment . . . and ever, oh, so ever, a soupçon of bittersweet . . . Keith was aware of that even as his eyes feasted on it.

"And, I suppose, that this," he began, just a little stiffly . . . But Joan was smiling at him over the rim of a cup that just exactly matched the blue in her eyes.

"Yes, please," she said, nodding her head wickedly. "It was I all the time, Keith. I hope you'll forgive me. But I was hurt. You accused me of not being an actress, you know. And when you told me that Gaye Fayre . . . Well, I just managed the rest. It wasn't very difficult really, . . . . with a 'phone."

"But the mask!" said Keith bewilderingly and yet admiringly.

"The woman in the mask! . . . the first day . . . the second day . . . !. You all the time! The bluff, the measles . . . . the artistry!

Joan nodded her head, rather proudly it seemed. Her eyes shone more brightly. . . .

"You witch. You clever little witch," said Keith. There was nothing but admiration in his voice. "You delightful little . . . actress!"

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# Joining up a Bit

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"Yes—pshaw" said the voice of Uncle Timothy.

"Pshaw yourself," said that of Aunt Judith.

"They're here, anyway," Susan said. "But—it doesn't seem to have worked."

"No."

They went in.

Aunt Judith swung round as they entered. She glared at Hugo.

"Oh, so you've brought my niece home at last, have you?" she jerked out.

Uncle Timothy snorted.

"By all means put the blame on to my nephew, madam," he said. "By all means."

Once more he and Aunt Judith went off into a long cross-talk argument. Susan turned with a hopeless little gesture to Hugo.

"Well, our scheme was a frost right enough," she said. "They're worse than they were before."

Hugo nodded.

"It's a frost all right," he agreed. "If only your Aunt——"

"What about my Aunt?" inquired Susan.

"If only she'd see things sensibly for a moment or two," Hugo went on; "we might get somewhere."

Susan regarded him with an air of astonishment.

"If only she'd see things sensibly! I like that! What about your uncle? I suppose he's being quite sensible, is he?"

"Bit more than she is, anyway," said Hugo.

"Well, I think he's worse than she is," said Susan. "Far worse. Coming round here like——"

Meanwhile Uncle Timothy and Aunt.

"Absolute nonsense! Rubbish!" Aunt Judith was saying. "And I shall be obliged if you'll take your nephew away with you."

The carol singers at this point informed the world in general that good King Wenceslas once looked out.

"All right, I'll go," Hugo was declaring to Susan. "And our appointment for tomorrow is off, I suppose?"

"It is," said Susan.

"Right!"

Hugo and Uncle Timothy made for the door together.

"Gathering win—ter fu—oo—el," said the carol singers as the door closed.

The next morning—Christmas Day—Hugo and Uncle Timothy went for a good sharp walk after breakfast. Each seemed to be in need of something to do.

They were not very conversational on that walk, however. They both appeared to be deep in thought as they strode along the hard, frosty roads around Melshurst. So much so that, when about two hours later, they returned to the village, neither had spoken a word beyond except to offer a tobacco pouch or borrow matches.

They were still as silent when they made their way through the village High street. It really seemed that nothing could shake them up this morning. Nothing at all. At least, that was how they were looking until a certain car suddenly hove in sight.

It was a large, long and resplendent saloon. Not the sort of car that was usually seen in Melshurst at all. But that wasn't altogether what caught their eye.

Driving it was a decidedly striking-looking man, of round about thirty-eight or so. A man quite as striking-looking as the car itself. The kind of man who would have such a car, in fact.

Hugo and Uncle Timothy took particular note of him as he passed. But they took note of the other two passengers in the car rather more particularly. They were Susan and Aunt Judith.

Hugo stared after them.

"See that?" he inquired.

"I saw it right enough," said Uncle Timothy. "Who the devil's that fellow, I wonder?"

They continued on their way back to the house once more in deep silence.

After all, Hugo was reflecting, the chap was only about thirty-eight or so. And what was Susan—round about the twenty-one mark? Not absolutely out of the question by any means. Besides sometimes a chap of that age appealed to a girl a good bit. Could it be that——And a dashed good looking cove too.

Uncle Timothy, meanwhile, was biting hard at the stem of his pipe. Thirty-eight or so that fellow had been, and handsome, too, no doubt about it. Just the sort to turn a woman's head. And Judith—what was she? Not a day over forty, he'd stake his life. A very attractive woman too now he came to think it over.

They were still both busy with their thoughts when they reached the house. They hung up their hats and coats. Then, still together, they moved towards the telephone at the side of the hall.

"Oh—er—after you," said Hugo.

"Not at all," said Uncle Timothy. "After you. I was—er—just going to make a little call, that's all. Nothing important.

They both stood irresolute for a moment. Finally Uncle Timothy sauntered out of the hall with an attempt at an air of nonchalance. Hugo picked up the 'phone.

"Melshurst 51, please," he asked quickly.

He was given the number. He had a long conversation. And when he put down the 'phone again his expression had changed considerably. He was smiling. Life seemed to be a good thing to Hugo after that call.

He was still beaming when Uncle Timothy strolled carelessly back into the hall.

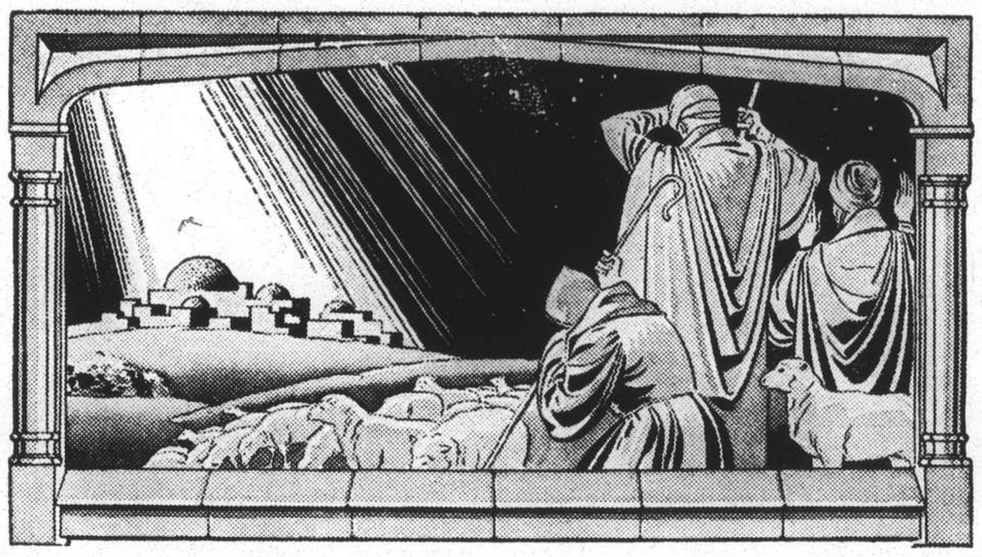
"Ah! Finished, my boy?" he inquired.

"Rather!" said Hugo. He lit a cigarette as he made for the drawing room.

Uncle Timothy picked up the 'phone with a guilty hand.

"Melshurst 51," he whispered.

Not long after lunch Hugo rose to his feet with an air of carelessness.



"Just thought of dropping in at the Devonish's place this afternoon," he said. "I—er—I—was on the 'phone to Susan this morning as a matter of fact. And she—er—asked me round to tea."

Uncle Timothy nodded. He glanced at his watch.

"I think I'll just stroll down with you as far as the gates," he observed. "Sort of walk that turkey down, you know."

"Yes, quite," said Hugo.

They collected their hats and coats. They made their way along to the Devonish abode. And there Uncle Timothy paused.

"Do you know," he said, "I think I'll come in, too, just for a second."

"Really?"

They went in together. They were met at the door by Aunt Judith and Susan. They were taken into the drawing-room. And there was the decidedly striking-looking man of about thirty-eight that they had seen that morning. Aunt Judith beckoned to him.

"This is my cousin—Guy," she said. "Guy—this is Mr. Collins and his nephew."

"How do you do?" said Uncle Timothy and Hugo together.

A weight seemed to have lifted from both their minds suddenly. They beamed at Aunt Judith's cousin. A good fellow in their opinion.

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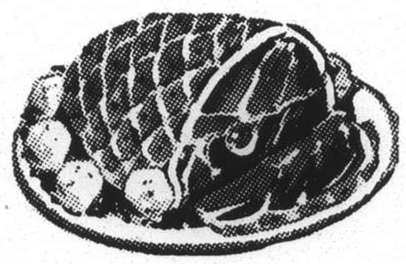

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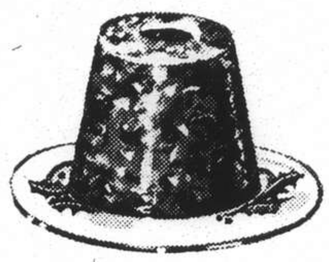

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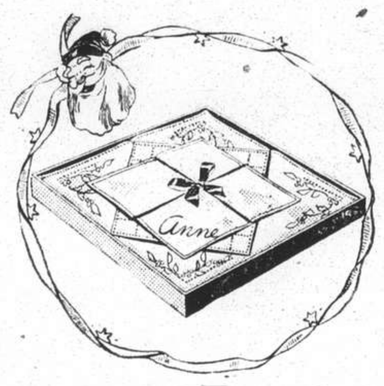


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# Shanghai's Social Activities

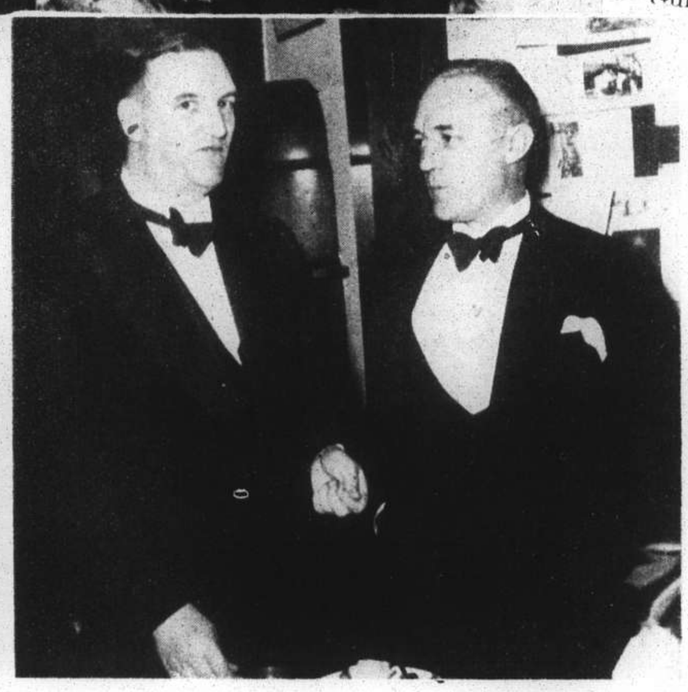
The bridge/mahjongg afternoon on December 12 at the Foreign "Y" in aid of the Cradle was well attended. (*Left hand picture*) Mrs. S. M. Gillespie, Mrs. R. T. Stivers, Mrs. B. A. Hockmuth, and Mrs. G. H. Brockway. (*Right hand picture*) Mrs. A. E. Long, Mrs. Bland Calder, Mrs. J. Doyle, Mrs. Bridges.—*N.C.D.N.*

At the Cradle bridge/mahjongg afternoon: (*Left hand picture*) Mrs. W. M. Gande, Mrs. M. Harris, Mrs. J. F. Vella and Mrs. P. S. Gilman. (*Right hand picture*) Mrs. Leslie, Mrs. C. W. Rayden, Miss Audrey Fowler, and Mrs. H. B. Gallop.—*N.C.D.N.*

The wedding of Mr. Felizberto Roliz, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Roliz of Shanghai, and Miss Leda Esperien, of Rio de Janeiro, took place at Rio de Janeiro on September 17 last.

Miss Elvie Encarnacao, whose engagement to Mr. A. (Gussie) England was recently announced

Mr. Charles John Guignard and Miss Joan Sylvia Blown were married at the Church of Christ the King on December 10. (*Left*) Group taken after the ceremony includes Miss Phyllis Dearn, Mr. J. D. Guignard, the bride and bridegroom, Mr. H. Calder, Miss Yvonne Guignard and Mr. Rene Guignard. (*Above*) The newlyweds cut their wedding cake.—*N.C.D.N.*



At the British Universities Society of China evening at "The Dome": Mrs. Davison, Mrs. Keen and Mr. Davison.

Members of the British Universities Society of China and their friends spend an enjoyable evening in "The Dome" on December 12 when the Society sponsored a programme of music, entertainment and dancing. Those present included (*left*) Mr. A. M. Stewart, Mrs. T. F. Huang, Mrs. A. M. Stewart, Dr. T. F. Huang. (*Right*) Mr. J. E. Badeley, President of the B.U.S.C, and Mr. J. D. E. Shotter.

Little Patsy Holtweck celebrated her 9th birthday last week wtih a tea party. Those present included Joanne Parsons, Joan Kenny, Skipper Holtweck, Jeneral Johnson, Helen Herron, Cynthia Smith-Hutton, Jane Moore, Charlon Carroll and Patsy Carroll.—*N.C.D.N.*

The wedding took place on December 10 at the Netherlands Consulate-General of Mr. Peter Cornelius van Stellingwerff, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. J. J. van Stellingwerff of Amsterdam, and Mme. Ronia Jouravel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Altshuler of Australia.—*N.C.D.N.*

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# Refugee Children in Sports Display

Refugee children assembled at the start of the sports meeting.

Among those present at the sports meeting were (*l. to r.*) M. R. Jobez, Mme. Jourdan and Mr. G. W. Boissevain.—*N.C.D.N.*

On Sunday last six hundred refugee children from the Nos. 1, 2 and 6 Refugee Camps of the International Relief Committee jointly held a sports meeting on the grounds of Aurora University in Avenue Dubail. The meeting attracted some fifteen hundred public-spirited onlookers, who were asked to contribute towards the refugee fund. In the picture above are seen some of the five year olds who took part in the meeting.—*N.C.D.N.*

The children were cheerful and healthy and took a keen interest in the proceedings.—*N.C.D.N.*

Mrs. W. J. Keswick and her infant son, Henry Lindley Neville, who is two-and-a-half months old.—*Skvirsky.*

A recent photograph of Page Rankin, fifteen-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Rankin.—*Skvirsky.*

Mary Lee Rankin, aged 9, is the younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Rankin.—*Skvirsky.*

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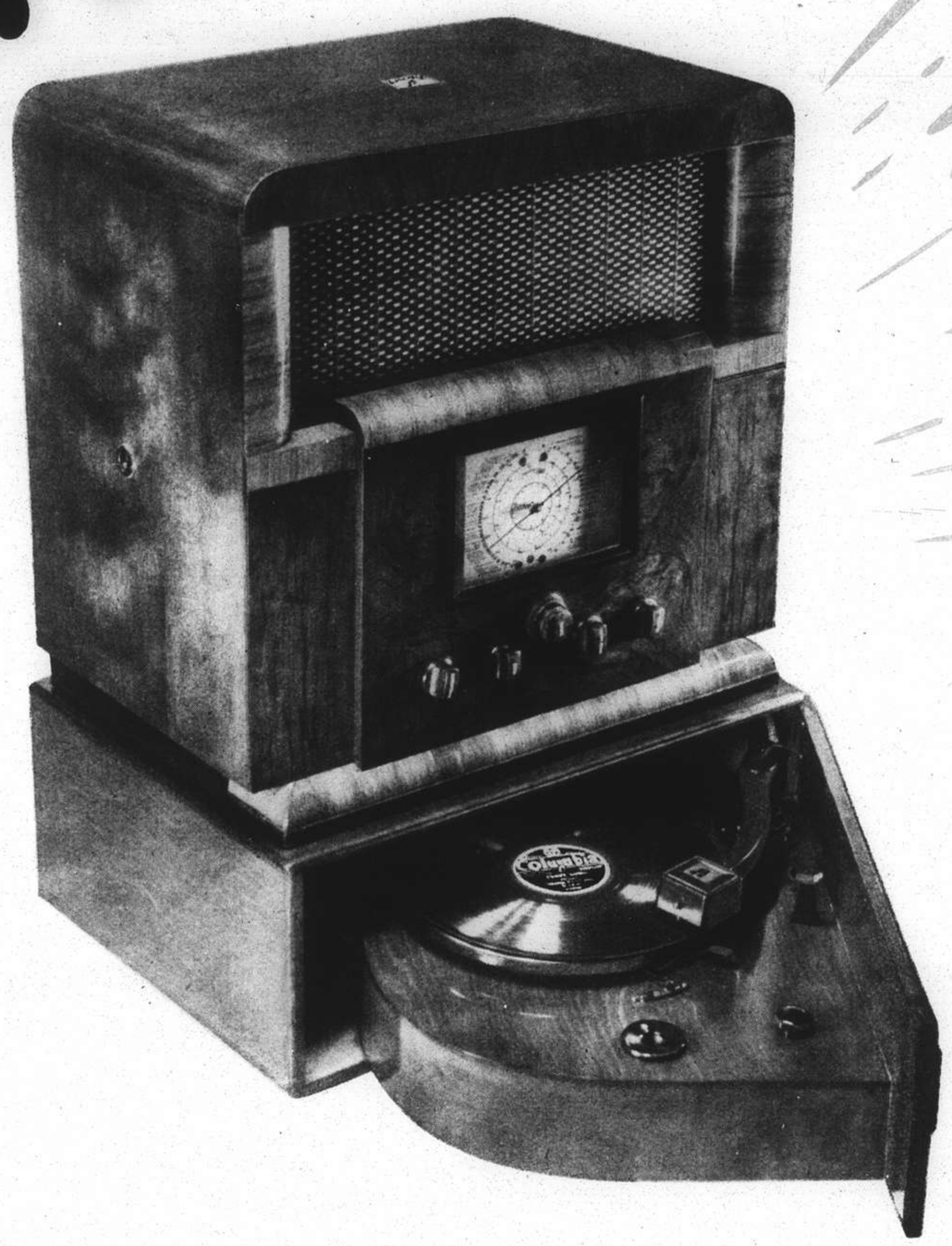

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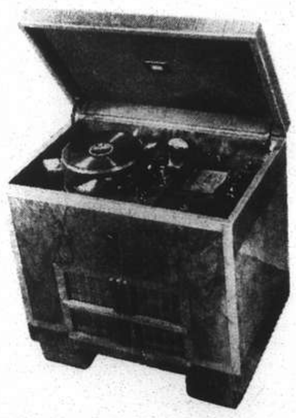

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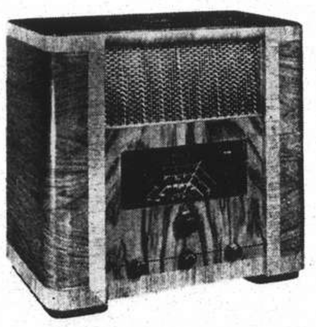

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